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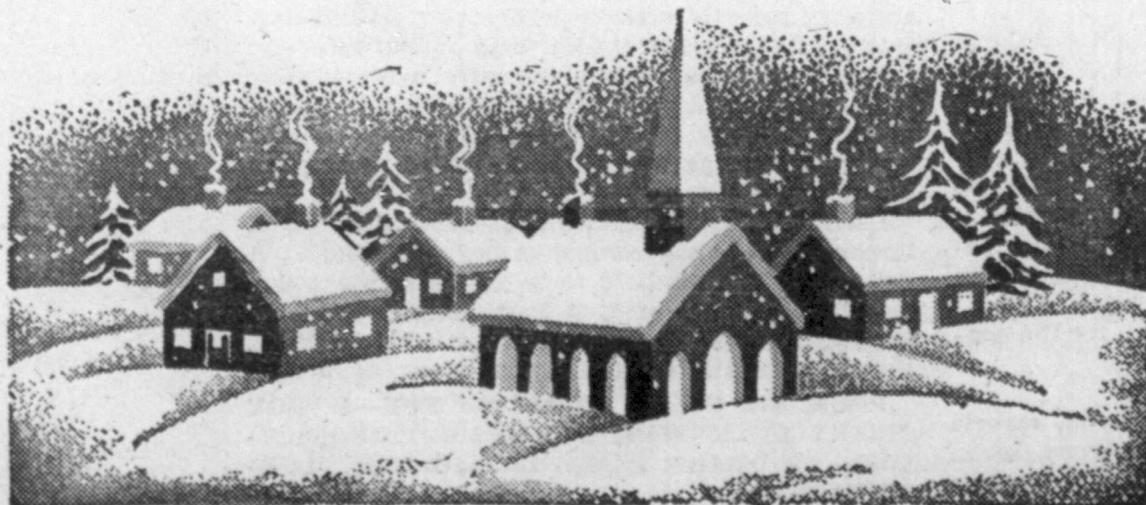
No king was so proud and mighty that he did not deem it fitting that he himself should travel to see the Child. No gift in royal coffers was so rich or so rare that it could be withheld as an offering to this blessed Babe. So kings came from many lands . . with many camels in brilliant trappings. They came and knelt, bestowing gifts, before Mary, Joseph and the Child . . and the Three Wise Men who had been first to know that He was in the manger.

So the world's riches were laid at the feet of the infant Jesus. But as He grew in stature and wisdom, worldly things became of diminishing worth to Him; and more and more zealously He sought the simple beauty in men's souls. Then, when the words of God were spoken to Him, He forsook all values less than Faith and Love and Honor, and these became His philosophy . . . religion . . . teaching.

HIS STORY—

Matthew, Chapter Two

Luke, Chapter Two



THE DAWN OF ANOTHER DAY

That we are in a time different from that of a half century ago is evident to any Christian, unless he is afflicted with partial blindness and total deafness. That many are trying to adjust themselves and their conduct to a past, rather than to a present, visualizing the future goes without successful contradiction.

Fifty years ago, to mention money or missions from the pulpit was in bad form as the preacher realized at the next annual call, when he was displaced by another preacher, whom the church hoped would be sound on money and missions; by sound, I mean sound asleep. But we are coming into a day when that kind of orthodoxy is fast becoming obsolete, and that kind of preacher and church are left behind while God goes marching on. It appears that preachers and churches are beginning to make it a matter of conscience that our God has a right to claim, and does claim, at least one-tenth of our income for Himself and His cause and puts the responsibility on us as to whether we will be honest or mere robbers.

No longer does a preacher or teacher have to apologize in advance for presenting God's claim upon His people with reference to their substance.

Fifty years ago for a preacher to proclaim the "Second Coming of Christ" or the tithe, he was marked for demotion; now, unless he does proclaim it he demotes himself.

Surely a different day is dawning.

Yours,

L. G. GATES.

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LELAND

The Leland Baptist Church has just enjoyed one of the most successful revivals that it has experienced in recent years. Dr. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, brought to large audiences most inspiring and helpful scriptural messages. This was the second time that he has led a revival in the Leland church.

Mr. Fred Scholfield, Minister of Music, of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Mississippi, brought to the church a great blessing through the leading of congregational music and in presenting the gospel in song. These men are wonderful spirits and are greatly talented. Twenty-nine members were received into the church; twelve coming with church letters, and seventeen by baptism.

The budget for 1942 was raised and at this writing has already been practically underwritten. The Lord has greatly blessed us, and we are looking forward to a very successful year in His work.

JAMES B. LEAVELL.

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Under separate cover I am sending you one of our new Song and Service Books for Ship and Field and one of our old song books that they are supposed to replace.

I am writing a protest to Chaplain Bennett, chairman of the committee that arranged the book. The so-called Stations of the Cross, a distinct teaching of the Catholic church, is the most prominent thing in the book. They are placed in the front and illustrated with pictures.

For the present I would rather you would not use my name but I am willing to fight with other believers in the Bible against such outlandish Catholic propaganda. Every man who attends a Protestant service is supposed to have one of these books placed in his hands. You may be sure this chaplain will not use them.

If you see fit to write something about this in your valuable paper please do so, and if you care to forward the book to any other Protestant whom you think would help protect against this attempt at proselyting.

Enclosed is a check for one and 50-100 dollars. Please forward The Record to me here in Iceland to the address at the top of this letter. The Record will be like getting a flock of letters from home. It will take regular U. S. postage.

With kindest regards to yourself and for the continued success of your fine paper.

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Pastor A. S. Johnston, Davis Memorial, reports another great Sunday with nine additions, seven for baptism. The work goes forward under this splendid pastoral leadership.

No Baptist Record Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Due to the fact that New Year's Day is a holiday and also to the fact that this issue of the Record is 24 pages instead of 16, there will be no issue of the Record on December 25 and on January first.

It has been the custom of the Record for years to omit the issue of Christmas week. This year we will also omit the issue of January first.

Another question: Who sets the percentage of distribution for Cooperative Program receipts? Answer: The two Conventions: State and Southwide. Sometimes matters are referred to the Executive Committee or Convention Board. A church, or an individual, decides how much they will give to all causes through the Cooperative Program. Through messengers from the churches to the above bodies is distribution worked out.

Lyon Baptist Church, in addition to giving large support to the work in general, has raised \$150.00 for associational work. This is a great church led by one of our best prepared men, Dr. B. Frank Smith.

Some of the brethren seem to be having trouble securing reservations in San Antonio. This we regret. In the next issue will appear a statement from Dr. Perry Webb, local pastor, assuring a place for all. We had no trouble getting hotel reservations.

Strange world! When did this world ever have quite so much education, mechanical progress, and scientific knowledge? How is it being used? But some Christian brethren seem unable to get along with brethren of the church and denomination. We can hardly point the finger of scorn at the heathen. "First get the beam out of your own eye and then the mote out of the eye of your brother."

We have sent out tracts on Evangelism, Stewardship, Doctrine, Missions and Now Club to 10,000 Mississippi Baptists within the last three months. We have sent Baptist Records to many of them also.

We are always glad to answer questions. 1. Who sets the percentage in distribution of funds? Answer: The S. B. C. and State Conventions and Convention Board. 2. Is overhead taken out of designated gifts? Answer: Not one penny!

We have been kept busy out on the field. Thus, we have not been in Hinds-Warren Association much. We have leaned backward in staying away from former pastorates. This is for ethical reasons. However, we were glad to have Hinds-Warren pastors as our luncheon guests recently.

Mississippi Baptists are listed by the S. B. C. Executive Committee in their November report as having sent in a total of \$6,625.62. The Cooperative Program totalled \$5,187.75 of this amount. We can and will make it even better!

It was all right for our scrap iron to go to Japan to be used to murder Chinese. Now we meet it coming our way. Strange world!

Your Secretary is supposed to represent all groups in our life. That we have tried to do. If you will examine the records you will see we have tried hard to be just in our dealings with all groups. We represent the whole. Therefore, we may not pour unauthorized monies out to any group or groups.

Friends regret to learn Pastor R. K. Corder, Philadelphia, recently suffered in breaking several ribs. Our good wishes follow him for a speedy recovery.

The sermon outline we recently made inquiry about as to authorship, was sent in at our request by Dr. B. Frank Smith, Lyon. He is one of our most talented pastors, and, we regret the name failed to appear.

Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor, has oversubscribed its budget. A Fellowship Hour is held each Thursday night under the leadership of S. C. Ray. Last week a Fellowship Hour was begun for Intermediates. Thus, the work goes forward in a great way.

FROM ALL OF US, TO ALL OF YOU—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND, A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! PSALM 121. JOHN 15. CORINTHIANS 13.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"APPEASEMENT"

The word appeasement is much in the public speech. However, we need to remember that Chamberlain with his umbrella trying to placate Hitler at Munich is not the beginning of the ministry of appeasement. Pastors have been working at that job a long time. Many churches have in them a would-be little Hitler or Hitlerette who wants the work to be run in deference to their ideas and to serve their special notions. If they are not pleased they will fight. They fight neither for principles nor sensible policies, but only that they may serve their prejudices, their hobby or their passion for running things.

Like Hitler they are dedicated to the disruption of the peace of the church and to the hurt of the prosperity of Zion.

Because the pastors and the gentle folks of the church abhor the idea of a church brawl these saintly people often let the little Hitlers and Hitlerettes, because of their belligerent rule or ruin attitude get their way too often. They become victorious church generals because they are allowed to have what they want by people who would rather let them have their own way than to fight it out with them.

Sometime it's best to let them have their own way. Here we need to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Sometime we have to wait for them to hang themselves. The wise pastor will quietly watch his tongue, and definitely in time create a situation wherein such a trouble maker will be pocketed and shunted out of the way. Then there are days, now and then, when they have to be stopped with direct resistance.

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RADIO HOUR

The first program of the Baptist Hour of 1942 begins at 7:30 CST Sunday morning, January 4th. Dr. George W. Truett is the speaker. Over twenty stations throughout the south have already planned to carry these programs. Others are coming in almost daily.

In Mississippi Station WSLI will carry the program. Another Mississippi station may also carry the programs, but announcement will have to be made in next week's issue of The Baptist Record. Some sections of the state can hear KWKH, WSM, WHAS or WREC.

Pastor and other church leaders can greatly increase Dr. Truett's audience in this first broadcast by announcing same in the services, in the church papers, and also in the local secular press. Surely, the people of America need the blessings of this series of Southwide Christian Messages in this critical hour.

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RECENT ORGANIZATIONS IN ACKERMAN CHURCH

A young people's choir that leads in the evening song service. The response has been most gratifying and their loyalty to the evening service can not be questioned.

A Story Hour under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Fulton. This completes our Training Union organization and we are looking forward to a standard union.

A Business Women's Circle with the following officers: Mrs. Bessie Russell, chairman; Mrs. Mabel Fultz, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Jack Whitehead, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Wright, program chairman; Mrs. Mose Fulton, treasurer.

VAN H. HARDIN.

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The Hollandale Baptist Church votes to send all contributions through the Convention Board office. The W. M. U. has raised \$150 to furnish a room at the Orphanage. A check for the Orphanage from the church is also enclosed. Pastor J. B. Smith is leading them into a real contribution in all cooperative programs.

SOME NEVER LEARN

"Repeatedly it is brought to our attention that some preachers, speakers, and church members make the wildest statements regarding the conduct of our denominational affairs. For instance, a correspondent writes of another church worker that discouraged giving to denominational missions on the ground that 'it takes ninety percent of all missionary money given to finance missions.' Of course, such a statement is obviously false and no Christian should stain his or her soul by repeating it. Denominational overhead we do have, but it in no sense whatever approximates such a percentage. In such matters, why not learn for yourself by studying the Year Book of the Northern Baptist Convention, or write to the denominational secretaries for the facts. They are your servants and they will cheerfully help you. But, by all means, insist that critics tell the truth. Great harm can be done to the cause of Christ by repeating false statements. Incidentally, let the denomination's officials take the people into their confidence and account to them of their stewardship."—Exchange.

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"TO MY SON"

I wish I could make you see
The man I hope some day you'll be,
I have no aspirations great
That he may guide the Ship of State.
I do not ask that he possess
The fame that many deem success.
From glittering chains of boundless wealth
And power whose only thought is self,
I pray that he may ere be free!
I ask this only—that he be
A man of whom his fellow men
Will proudly speak and say "My Friend!"

—EVANS.

—BR—

WELCOME

To all who mourn and need comfort—to all who are weary and need rest—to all who are friendless and wish friendship—to all who are homeless and wish sheltering love—to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought—to all who sin and need a Saviour, and to whosoever will—this church opens wide the door and make a free place in the name of Jesus, the Lord says: WELCOME.

—First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

—BR—

Occasionally, a question from a friend suggests that there is a great distinction in the minds of many between the work we are now doing and the work we did as a pastor.

The work we are doing now is much more intensive and comprehensive than the work of the pastorate. The two are the same in kind. We preach the same Gospel, only more often. We teach the same Book, only more frequently. We present the same work, except on a greater scale. We make more visits though they are a bit different in type.

We do now the type work the apostles Paul and Simon Peter did. Jesus did it!

Your secretary has not spent the Lord's time in "playing politics." He has spent much of it in preaching His Gospel. Nor, has he gone around campaigning for various personalities. He has campaigned for Christ. Again, he has not tried to attend to everybody's business. He has tried to be diligent about the King's business!

Brother R. L. Wallace, Raymond, has led his folks in completing and paying for the lovely house of worship there. This has been done without help from the Board, and without high pressure collections. How then? By bringing the Lord's money into the Lord's House on the Lord's Day.

Pastor R. L. Wallace, Raymond, began his 15th year the third Sunday in November. The men of the church showed their appreciation by presenting him with a beautiful "comfort" stating "modestly" the ladies of the church had nothing to do with it. They all love him.

First Baptist Church, Jackson, and the pastor, Dr. W. A. Hewitt are great helpers of other pastors and growing churches. This year they have helped Eastside, Siwell, Van Winkle, Pearl City, Southside, and Parkway Baptist Church buildings. They seated Griffith Memorial Church, during our work there.

CHRISTMAS!

Revah Summersgill

It wouldn't be Christmas
Without these things:
Lighted candles shining;
Christmas carol "sings";
Stockings hanging by the fire;
Holly by the door;
A tinsel tree standing
Where one has stood before;
Then love poured out on everyone,
Both solemn love and gay,
For that's the most important thing
On any Christmas Day!

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"SOMETHING ABOUT A SOLDIER"

One of the finest young men clothed in the uniform of our government, a soldier and may I add a Christian soldier, is "Bill Dedrick," Flight A, Squadron 395, Keesler Field near Biloxi, Mississippi.

This young soldier with his sparkling personality is living for Christ at the U. S. Army Air Corps Technical School and as a Christian leader among soldiers, I have not seen his superior in Mississippi camps.

Young soldiers at Keesler Field contacted by and acquainted with "Bill," seem to love, admire, and respect him for his religion and the worthwhile things he stands for. Because he is spiritually-minded he seems to be able to inspire, lead and influence many to attend Sunday school, church and B. T. U. services, social and fellowship periods; others to read good literature offered in the church library which remains open daily and still others to accept Christ.

The First Baptist Church at Biloxi is pastored by Rev. G. C. Hodge and he has a wonderful companion in his wife who helps in all church activities; a seven-day-a-week program.

They also find leaders like "Bill" who sing, pray, testify for Christ, teach Sunday School and do many other religious duties as time from their classwork at Keesler Field will permit.

Our heart rejoices in the work here and we wish every Baptist in Mississippi could visit one Sunday at the First Baptist Church at Biloxi, and see for themselves that there is something about a soldier, HIS SOUL AND HIS LIFE that is worthy of our prayers and our efforts and our money as he serves God and his country.

FRED LANGLEY.

—BR—

HIS WORK

Matt. 4:23, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

Read Matt. 9:35-38. Here we see Him preaching, teaching, healing.

Read Luke 4:16-22.

Jesus prays to His Father concerning His disciples: "As Thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." John 17:18.

Jesus says, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." John 14:12.

What was His work? Answer: Preaching, teaching, healing.

Baptists who care dare not work at less!

An occasional brother remarks, "The whole work of the church is to give the Gospel to the whole world."

Does not a church have some obligation toward those who hear and believe the Gospel?

Paul was well versed in the Gospel demands. He was interested in an offering for the poor. Did he go beyond the New Testament teaching? Other Bible Christians were interested in physical necessities for widows, etc.

Do these modern ones know more about it than the word of God presents?

A New Testament church has a ministry towards the lost. It has a ministry towards the saved. That means every man! It means the whole man!

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In a recent issue the title and name of Dr. Garner were incorrectly printed, as was the title of Dr. Stewart, both of West Point. We are glad to call attention for a correction.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Catherine Bible Hill

"We are not buying gifts for each other in our family this year," said a friend to me. "Instead, every one of us is writing a check to the church for the amount he would spend on gifts for all. It is Christ's birthday, you know."

—BR—

Since we met for worship last Sunday morning our country has been hurled into war. As a nation we are in the midst of the gravest peril. Our very national existence is at stake. What has happened to others, now menaces us directly. Some things are evident. It is not time for futile tears or excuse making. We must fight to live. All that we hold dear is at stake. This war will cost enormously in "blood, sweat and tears." We must prove ourselves to be worthy sons and daughters of our fathers and mothers of the other days who endured victoriously what we cannot escape.

Some things that we need are obvious. We need to be temperate. We need to strengthen our souls in God. Only fools will persist in folly, intemperance and weakening indulgences. We must draw near to our God and set a watch against our foes. We must pray more, work more and think less of ease and luxury. We must lift up our eyes unto "the hills from whence cometh our help."

We are going to have a real prayer meeting next Wednesday night. Let nothing keep you away. It is the firm purpose of this pastor to give himself with singleness of heart to trying to sustain his own faith and strengthen your faith in Christ, the Christian's King. We should pray for our President and all who fashion the policies of this nation. We should pray for those in national defense service. Let us pray without ceasing. That is the way to victory.

LET US LIVE. Let us not live as we have been living, selfishly and wanting our own way. Let self be submerged, Christ exalted and our country strengthened. Let us so live that we shall have faith and courage that others will be strengthened. Let us live that we may give; that we may give unto God and our country. That we may give them lives that help, hands that serve, time and talent that is dedicated to others and material substance that will implement those who defend us. Let us live that behind our government and defense forces there will be a vigilant, strong line of home defense that will prove that we are worthy of being defended.

LET US LOOK, not at ourselves, at what we are going to miss from the world we have lost and the peace that has been taken from us. Let us look upward to God. Let us look forward with the resolution that will not let our foes prevail. Let us look unto Christ to save us from pettiness and hate and to fill us with an unconquerable love and holy purpose. ALL WHO DO THESE THINGS CANNOT BE DEFEATED.

NORMAN W. COX,

In First Baptist Church Bulletin.

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Have just closed a most successful meeting at Bethany Church, Sunflower County. Brother Percy Ray doing the preaching. He is a great soul and a tireless worker. The Lord gave us a great meeting and we are soon to begin a building there. Brother E. D. Estes is this week holding a meeting in Bolivar County. This is a newly organized Baptist Church located between Cleveland and Pace. We are now meeting in an old tenant house. Souls are being saved and a large number of Judge Rutherford's books were burned at our service. Pray for us in these services. This church is named "The Shady Oak Baptist Church."—J. W. Sturdivant.

The Brethren knew we would need help in putting out The Baptist Record. They have showered us with good articles. We will pass along to the new editor enough material for two or three issues. Blessings upon you and upon him!

All Baptist Record mail, at our request, has first been handled by that office. Correspondence needing our attention—meaning most of it—has been passed to this office. Few mistakes have been called to our attention. We regret that even a half dozen were made.

EDITORIALS

"ROCK OF AGES" OR "THOU REMAINEST"

"And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands;—they shall perish; BUT THOU REMAINEST; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail." Hebrews 1:10-12.

There one has the answer to all we saw and to all there is on the face of the earth.

My world trip was not made as a tourist, a gad-about, a globe-trotter, or as a curiosity seeker, but as a Minister of the Gospel to see God's Wonder World and the people in it.

As I traveled, so many things were seen in a state of decay and disrepair I asked quietly and often, "To what are we giving ourselves? What will remain? What will abide? What will endure?"

There were graves and cemeteries thousands of years old. Some ancient civilizations were about us only in shambles. Many institutions were seen only in their remains. So many of us give ourselves to things that are transient, things that are temporary, things that fade away so easily. What is eternal?

On one of the hundred islands about Bombay, India, we saw the famous caves of Elephanta dating back to the eighth century, carved out of solid rock. There is a rock temple to the two chief Hindu deities, Shiva and Vishnu, Preserver and Destroyer. There one sees huge pillars supporting the dome of the rock temple. There one finds a cistern, also altars for sacrifices and two impotent stone lions guarding the entrance to one of the caves. All about in stone are representations of gods. Today their builders are gone, their worshippers unknown, the very rocks are falling and decaying but, "THOU REMAINEST."

Rev. Pruitt of the Christian Missionary Alliance was aboard our ship across the Pacific. He and his family are missionaries in French Indo-China. They had delayed their return over two months to dedicate a new church building in the midst of that people, twenty-three million in number. They have 10,000 Christians with fifty self-supporting churches and the only mission work in that country. He was telling us about the historic ruins of Anchor, dating back to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Other remains besides these are Hindu temples to Shiva. For many decades they were lost to the world, the forest over-growing them. Jehovah God has never been lost! Forests have never over-grown Him! "But Thou Remainest!" To what are we giving ourselves? Something that will perish with other things of the earth, or, things that remain!

When Dr. Jas. M. Gray took over the work of that great layman, D. L. Moody, on going into his office, he noted two words placarded over his desk. They were "Thou remainest." Today, both Dr. Moody and Dr. Gray are gone but true it still is, "Thou Remainest!"

Many easterners want to see their gods, and be able to feel their gods, so they make some (see Isa. 44), and then when they get mad at them they can destroy them or burn them. Who has ever destroyed or burned the One of whom it is written, "Thou Remainest."

Do we not want to tie ourselves to things more secure than armies, or navies, or a sphinx, or pyramids? Cheops of old drove 100,000 men as slaves for twenty years building the great pyramid that bears his name. This pyramid is 450 feet high, containing 2,300,000 blocks of limestone floated down the Nile river from Assuam, each block weighing two and one-half tons. They would place one layer of the great stone, then build the ground up to that level, skid other stones up for the next layer, build the ground to that level and so up to the apex. The diagonal sides are about 750 feet. Up one of them we went to the tip-top. Then down into the tunnels to the two chambers that had held the bodies of Cheops and his queen. The body of Cheops was not there. At his death the

men who had been driven as slaves to build this burial place stole his body and threw it into the Nile river nearby. The Egyptian government repeatedly dragged the river in vain for his mummy, and any man on finding it could claim a rich reward. He tied himself to a great pile of stone. Today he is a pauper in the city of the dead, his body not reposing in the palace of stone he gave himself to building, but lost to men. To what are we giving ourselves?? "Thou remainest."

Accompanied by Rev. J. H. Ware, missionary in China, we took a very nice express train at Shanghai and in about four hours left the train at Chainkaing where we took a ferry over the great Yangtze River on our way to Yangchow, an old city on the opposite bank of the Grand Canal. As we were coming back Mr. Ware said, "It was right here on this river that Missionary John Anderson lost his life one night. He was called across the river. Taking two Chinese to row the boat, he was holding the signal light. A great river steamer bore down upon them. Mr. Anderson held high the light but someone did not see, or did not care, and the steamer ploughed into their little craft sending them all under. Only one of the Chinese escaped to swim ashore with news of the tragedy. The Chinese government dragged the river for the body of the missionary but to no avail."

I saw some of the fruits of the work of John Anderson, in churches, in Chinese Christians, and in institutions. While his body lies silt-covered in the bed of a great river of the world, his work abides, "Thou remainest." "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John 2:15-17.

Two men—Cheops and John Anderson—but what a vast difference in destinies! Two bodies buried beneath the waters of great rivers—but, one had given himself to cold gray stone, while the other had gone after a harvest of souls! One had lived in splendor and ease, the other had lived in simplicity in a strange land for Christ's sake. One had sought all for self, the other had given all for the Saviour!

May I suggest a great epitaph? Here it is, "Here lies a man who counted upon God."

Hostile editors come and go, but, "Thou remainest!" Scoffing politicians come and go, but "Thou remainest!" Negligent church members come and go, but "Thou remainest!" We saw the ruins of Jericho, the site of Bethsaida, a city that is no more, and the shell-shocked library building in Shanghai. Seas dry up, rivers change their courses, but, "Thou remainest!" Books are written and forgotten, but "Thou remainest!" Generations come and go, but, "Thou remainest!"

Our scripture tells us that when this world has run its course, fulfilling its purpose, God will fold it up as one folds a garment no longer usable. (Isa. 66 and Rev. 21.) This world on which many lean so heavily, will go!

To what will we be found holding then? Bits of driftwood, or, the Rock of Ages!

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand."

"Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath, and make me pure."

—M.

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Dr. W. A. Hewitt and First Church served lunch to the Jackson Ministers' Association at the recent meeting. They help more individuals and groups than one can easily imagine. This year they are helping 4 or 5 churches with building programs. They are putting \$3,000 into pews for another church. They plan to help others. That is "religion" in the Name of Jesus.

We enjoyed a meeting of the Southeastern Pastors Conference, program and luncheon recently. Dr. W. A. Green was our host. Moderator C. W. Thompson was happy. Pastor W. E. Hardy and Dr. Lipsey were enjoyed by all. This was all the program we got in to hear.

WHAT IS GAMBLING?

Is gambling a normal human instinct, as some claim, and therefore not to be suppressed? Is all life, in fact, a gamble, and was America built by a nation of gamblers? Does the definition vary with the gambler's ability to absorb the risk, the practice becoming harmful only when one's margin of safety is exceeded? If so, the individual who disapproves of poker, slot machines, raffles, dice, church bingo, or commercialized horse or dog racing becomes an enemy of human nature, of the pioneer spirit, of temperance, and even of life itself. This is exactly how the vested gambling interests would label their opponents.

Recently the writer, without any time to organize his thoughts, was asked to come in and give a definition of gambling to a group of high school girls and boys, including one Jewish lad. He spoke for some time, trying to clear up such questions as the above, and left feeling that he had probably not been very impressive. A few moments reflection, however, produced in his mind the first principle below, which he returned to give to the adolescents with not a little success. The other two principles were wrought out subsequently, and, added to the first, make what seems a fair and logical working analysis of the problem.

First, one might say that farming, for example, involves a risk not much less than that of tossing dice for a point. There is, however, an important difference. In the former, honest labor is expended, and the gain expected will not involve a loss for anyone else. Conversely, if unfavorable seasons destroy the crop, nobody profits thereby. In gambling, one cannot win without someone else suffering a corresponding loss, and vice versa. Certainly a system under which one group of citizens are constantly seeking the misfortune of another group cannot be said to be constructive. It is inherently wrong, then legislation cannot make it right. So ruled the United States Supreme Court many years ago in revoking the charter of the Louisiana Lottery Company: "No legislature can bargain away the public health or morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants."

Second, in gambling one cooperates with the factors that bring about his gain or loss, seeking to manipulate conditions in his own interest, while in a valid transaction the risk inheres in economic or natural laws beyond the control of any individual or group. This may be considered an extension of the first principle.

Finally, in outright gambling, the risk is the incentive, while in legitimate enterprise the risk is incidental. The pioneer did not set out across the wilderness because he or some companion might be slain by Indians, but in spite of that peril.

Consider betting, playing a game of chance for a prize or for money, or any other questionable practice in the light of the above principles, and the conclusion is inescapable. In the face of an evil that is costing over seven billions annually in America, and playing havoc with vital elements of character in half the population, surely it is high time for sober reflection as to what constitutes gambling.—Dr. B. FRANK SMITH.

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The Board offices will be closed Christmas week, December 22-27. All treasurers should remember to send monies so they will reach us before or after that week. It is not best for mail to accumulate. A very Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year all of you!

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

TO ALL OF YOU

As this is the last issue of The Baptist Record for 1941 we want to thank the hundreds of people all over Mississippi who have helped to make 1941 the greatest year in Baptist Record history. We have gained about 5,000 in circulation and with several churches that begin the EVERY FAMILY Plan January first, the circulation will probably be 25,000.

May you have a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A. L. GOODRICH,
Circulation Manager.

Strong Hope-Copiah County

Strong Hope is one of the few country churches in Mississippi that has its name on the front so people can recognize the church when they see it. Others should profit by their example. They have a good Sunday school led by Superintendent Asa L. King. The B. T. U. is making progress under the leadership of Director Azure Osborne. Mrs. H. B. King is the efficient W. M. U. President and H. B. McNeil is proud of the work of the Brotherhood. They have a good building with several classrooms and services are held two Sundays per month. Upon invitation of Pastor T. W. Green we presented the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The pastor was wise enough to explain that he heartily favored the plan and the result was the usual one under such circumstances—they unanimously adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Having enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Green on former occasions, we needed no second invitation to dinner.

Copiah County's Record readers are listed as follows: ANTIOCH 20; Bethlehem 1; CRYSTAL SPRINGS 295; GALLMAN 43; GEORGETOWN 43; Hazlehurst 15; Macedonia 7; Pilgrim's Rest 9; Pleasant Hill 2; ROCKPORT 5; Sardis 3; Spring Hill 8; STRONG HOPE 37; Wesson 10; Pine Bluff 2; SMYRNA 20; GATESVILLE 32.

Noxapater

Pastor C. C. Weaver had a stewardship revival and invited various speakers to present different phases of the subject. We had the privilege of speaking on the Cooperative Program. Other speakers included Van Hardin, Ackerman; W. L. Day, Louisville; R. A. Morris, Newton; S. B. Harrington, Mozelle, and W. E. Green, Ellisville. Noxapater is making progress. \$100 was added to the pastor's salary and a like amount to the Cooperative Program. And what a delight was the hospitality of the Weaver home.

Winston County's subscribers are listed as follows: ELLISON RIDGE 65; GOOD HOPE 37; LIBERTY 29; LOUISVILLE 84; Louisville Route 6 1; NOXAPATER 80; POPLAR FLAT 30; Shiloh 3; UNION RIDGE 11; Louisville Route 3 ;; BETHEL 25.

Interstate Church-Bolivar County

This is a new church organized by Rev. L. T. Greer just before he left for a pastorate in Texas. For two years Rev. Haynes Brinkley has been the pastor and he has led them in several forward steps. A budget has been adopted, they have preaching every Sunday (afternoon) and the Sunday school and B. T. U. are making progress under the leadership of Felton Warren and Clint Warren. And they have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan to begin January first.

Bolivar County's Record readers are listed as follows: Benoit 3; BOYLE 43; CLEVELAND 158; Duncan 2; Gunnison 2; MERIGOLD 34; MORRISON CHAPEL 13; Pace 5; PROVIDENCE 11; ROSEDALE 25; Shaw 1; SHELBY 54.

More E F Churches

Bethany, Jeff Davis County, Joe Hudson, Pastor; New Salem, Lowndes, J. F. Sansing; Puckett, Rankin; Dixon, Neshoba, R. K. Corder; Indianola, N. G. Hickman; Itta Bena, W. R. Storie; Louisville, W. W. L. Day; Hollandale, J. B. Smith; Belzoni, W. L. Compere; Stonewall, Simpson; Hope, Neshoba, F. G. Willborn; Collinsville, Houston Fitzgerald; Fayette, H. L. Byrd.

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NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED

Reverend A. L. Goodrich was elected Editor and Circulation Manager of The Baptist Record.

Mississippi Baptists will rally to his support in this position as they did in the matter of his work as Circulation Manager.

Reverend D. A. McCall was elected Business Manager of The Baptist Record. John D. Davis was re-elected Recording Secretary. J. D. Ray was elected Vice-President and D. A. McCall was re-elected as Executive Secretary.

The work of Mississippi Baptists as fostered by the Committee Board was enlarged along practically all lines. A state mission budget of \$50,000 was set up.

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How do you suppose the strikers feel now? We would have had more planes and tanks and ships but for the strikes. Maybe some dead U. S. soldiers would be alive? How do you suppose the obstructionists feel? Our navy and army would be stronger but for their work. Our homes would be safer. Some of these days in judgment a view of the damned and doomed will be had. How will sit-down strikers from Baptist churches feel? How will denominational hinderers feel when they see the lost. Some of these might have heard the Gospel and believed but for the egoists.

Envelopes for the Baptist Christmas offering in support of soldier work and Defense projects have been mailed to pastors and Sunday School Superintendents. If other envelopes are needed please write the Convention Board office.

When you preach against the sin of your church members does it not hurt your own heart a bit? As a boy we did not take seriously the statement of the parent to the effect it hurt them as they administered punishment. We know now what they meant. That suggests something of the compassion of Jesus.

Pastor James Sullivan, Clinton, recently revealed the grace in his heart. As he was climaxing his message a dog visited the platform. Brother Bill Ball pas prompt in calling the dog through a door that was promptly closed. The resourceful canine found another open door. Back he came. This sort of thing can be very trying. Brother Sullivan, smiling, said, "A dog comes to church, hunting his master. That is more than most folks do."

Clinton P. T. A. is a vigorous organization. It is largely attended. This is a tribute to the teachers, trustees, parents, children and P. T. A. officials. We had the privilege of bringing a devotional on Phil. 2:5-8.

We had a big day with the Baptists of Tate Street Church, Corinth, A. B. Jones, pastor. A good congregation worshipped at the morning hour but at night the church was packed and jammed with an appreciative group. They heard the Word gladly!

We regretted missing Brother Vernon H. Cowsert on his recent visit to the office. His permanent address is Goodman, Miss., care of J. B. Cowsert, Box 133. He is available for supply work. Let us keep him busy.

Pastor A. S. Johnson, Davis Memorial, is president of the Jackson Ministers' Association. He presides with dignity, dispatch and decision. We are fortunate to have him as one of our Jackson pastors. Dr. D. M. Nelson delivered a great address on the theme "The Place of the College in the Life of Today."

Leland Baptist Church has just closed a gracious and fruitful series of revival services. Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Fort Worth, did the preaching, and Fred Scholfield, Laurel, led the singing. Dr. Jas B. Leavell is pastor. There were twenty-nine additions and about twenty persons for baptism.

The Lee County Sunday School Association, C. L. Bucy, superintendent, met with Belden church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 30, with splendid attendance.

FROM A GROUP OF ENGLISH PREACHERS

A group of English preachers in their grief and distress recently wrote The Baptist Times, saying:

"Our need now is to wait upon God, to read His Word as being His Word, and to yield ourselves up as individuals and churches for the doing of His absolute will as revealed by the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures. It will cause a revolution in our churches, but it will mean the coming forward of sinners seeking a Saviour, the opening of our baptisteries, and the building up of spiritual communions in the Resurrection Life of our Lord.

"Our real weakness is that we are wrong with God, and, with all deference, we appeal to our brother ministers to join us in deep searching of heart as to the measure of our responsibility for the lack of spiritual life in our churches. Are not the churches largely what the ministers make them? Can we escape blame? Have we been men of prayer? Have we daily searched the Word as we should?—Are we preaching from the Scriptures the truth Divine for the building of a spiritual life? Are we preaching the pure Gospel that the Spirit may use for the calling out of sinners from the world? We plead for ministers' sessions throughout the country for a humbling of ourselves before God for our failure. When the ministry has been brought to this place in His sight, the members of our churches will be quickened, souls will be saved, and month by month men and women will be passing through the waters confessing their Saviour." Thus our fellow believers in England express the feeling of many in Georgia.

Moreover the press and the pulpit are preaching tolerance at a time when a recrudescence of totalitarianism threatens the life of religious freedom both in Europe and in America. Baptists dare not be neutral now. Again our English brethren have spoken. The Monmouthshire Association, in its annual meeting assembled at Blaenavon, June 12, 1941, adopted a resolution which we think is prophetic of what we may expect in America if firm and definite steps are not taken to check the aggressive American Roman Catholic Hierarchy in the United States. The resolution:

"This meeting is profoundly disturbed by the wide-spread loss of religious freedom in Europe, and the persecution of religious minorities. We regret that the Roman Catholic Church condones this denial of religious liberty in countries where she has unfettered ecclesiastical authority. We affirm the right of all men and nations to full religious freedom, and no proposals for peace or the building of a New World can be satisfactory which ignore this human right. We regret that the Pope's "Peace Points" include no recognition of it, and we regard this omission as making it impossible for Baptists and other Free Churches to accept his statement as adequate.

"We believe the present evils of the world are due to the failure of nations and people to carry out the laws of God. No permanent peace is possible unless the principles of the Christian religion are made the foundation of national policy and of all social life. This involves regarding all nations as members of one family under the Fatherhood of God. We claim for men and nations the four noble freedoms set forth by President Roosevelt—Freedom of thought and speech—Freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—Freedom from want—Freedom from fear.

"We call upon the members of our churches and other free churches never to relax the struggle towards this ideal for civilization."—The Christian Index.

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OUR ALMA MATER

Fairest of all is our dear Mississippi,
Rising in state as the crest of a hill;
Staunch as a rock is our dear Alma Mater,
Round her so noble our hopes ever live.
When, in the future, our hearts may be yearning,
For the bright scenes of our dear college youth
Back to thy portals our memories turning,
Clear gleams thy beacon of virtue and truth.
M. C., we hail thee—our dear Mississippi,
Queen of our hearts, no foe shall alarm;
Faithful and loyal thy children will ever
Cherish thy mem'ry, acknowledge thy charm.
—Mississippi College.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The report of the Brotherhood was made by Harry Smallwood who spoke on the report and then introduced L. G. Gates who commended the work being done by the laymen in their brotherhood organization.

In connection with this discussion the Resolution Committee, on instructions from the Convention, brought in the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention instruct the President to appoint a committee of seven, four laymen and three ministers, to study the whole matter of employing a full-time Brotherhood Secretary, and this committee bring its findings to the Convention Board at its December meeting. And that the Convention Board be authorized to act according to its judgment in light of the findings of the Committee.

The president appointed the following committee called for in the above resolution: Norman Cox, Harry Smallwood, C. Z. Holland, I. B. Seale, James B. Leavell, Owen Cooper and R. K. Corder.

The following report of the Committee on Review of the State Mission Board's report and a supplemental report were presented by W. L. Meadows. After being discussed it was adopted.

Report of Committee on Review of the Convention Board Report

We, your committee on review of report of Baptist State Convention Board submit our report as follows:

We are pleased to note the quality of work and the increase in all departments of our work. We commend our leaders of the various departments and their assistants for the marvelous success they have achieved.

We desire to express our appreciation of the special effort put forth in behalf of our soldier service.

We look upon the work of the Baptist Student Union as being worthy of the support of our Convention, and hasten to express our appreciation of the wonderful results of their labors.

We express profound gratitude for the great increase in the circulation of The Baptist Record. We regret the resignation of our beloved editor, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, and hasten to express our appreciation of all his years of service. We recommend that the State Board give further consideration to the quality and make-up of The Baptist Record. We recommend that the State Board make such appropriation as may be necessary to avoid reporting a deficit in the operation of The Baptist Record.

We express our appreciation of the report of the advisory Stewardship Committee and recommend that the matter of employing a State Stewardship Secretary be left to the discretion of the State Mission Board.

We concur in all the recommendations of the advisory Committee on Evangelism except Item No. 4 on page 30, and recommend that said Item No. 4 be referred to State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted:

J. H. STREET,
J. D. THOMPSON,
CLAUDE BOWEN,
J. B. SMITH,
W. C. HOWARD,
D. A. HOGAN,
W. L. MEADOWS, Chairman.

The following committee was named by the Committee on Committees for the adjustment of a difference between the Trustees of the Woman's College and the Education Commission: Norman W. Cox, J. M. Metts and R. L. Wallace. This committee was recommended by the committee on review of the Education Commission's report.

J. D. Ray on behalf of the Committee on Bequests and Wills reported as follows:

"The Committee on Bequests and Wills would recommend that the present plan so splendidly begun by Brother O. B. Taylor and his committee be continued for the next year."

A. B. Pierce addressed the Convention at this time on the Cooperative Program.

The Committee on Resolutions made report through I. D. Eavenson and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolution

WHEREAS, God is smiling upon Mississippi Baptists with material prosperity today more than He has for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Baptist institutions, boards

and agencies—Missionary, Educational and Benevolent—are in need of additional funds to carry on the present work, and also to increase permanent endowments; and

WHEREAS, the Mortmain Clause of the Mississippi Constitution has been repealed, thus making it possible for our people to will a portion of their estates to religious causes, and

WHEREAS, there are many Mississippi Baptists who are now interested in making permanent investments of substance for time and eternity in one or all of our Baptist causes, and

WHEREAS, it has become more difficult each year for more than a decade to invest large sums of money safely and at the same time procure the largest possible yield on the investments unless there is an organization capable of doing so, and

WHEREAS, it is not only good business but a mark of good Christian stewardship to throw every possible human safeguard around monies entrusted to the Lord's causes, and

WHEREAS, there are consecrated, capable and successful Baptist business men who would be willing to give both of their time and talents in helping to look after Baptist trust funds, and

WHEREAS, Texas, Alabama, Georgia and Virginia have already established Baptist Foundations, and

WHEREAS, these foundations have not only proved themselves capable of safeguarding and investing the endowment and trust funds of the institutions and agencies within their respective states but have helped to create such confidence among the Baptist people that large sums of money have begun to flow into Baptist channels that would otherwise not have done so.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mississippi Baptist Convention of 1941 appoint a committee of nine to make a complete survey of the present policies and methods of the boards, institutions and agencies of the said convention in the safe-guarding and investment of their present endowment and trust funds, also, to make a thorough study of the matter of establishing a Baptist Foundation and report its findings to the annual convention of 1942.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the results of the survey and study of this committee be published in The Baptist Record at least sixty days prior to the meeting of the 1942 convention so that Mississippi Baptists will have ample time to acquaint themselves with the findings.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. OLANDER.

A. B. PIERCE, Chairman,
I. D. EAVENSON,
L. G. GATES,
S. G. POPE,
L. E. GREEN,
R. D. PEARSON,
S. E. SUMRALL.

WHEREAS, during the past twenty years families, churches and associations have been providing funds for the erection of cottages for use by ministerial students at Clarke Memorial College; and

WHEREAS, at one time, assurance was given that the plot of land on which such cottages were being built would be transferred to the Board of Ministerial Education; and

WHEREAS, one Brother Clarke deeded a piece of property to Clarke Memorial College to be used in the interest of ministerial education at said college; and

WHEREAS, there is at said college a group of worthy young men struggling to prepare for the work of the ministry, many of whom are rendering service in one of the needy sections of our State.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

First, that, for the sake of stability, unity and cooperation in Ministerial Education, the Convention authorize and instruct the trustees of Clarke Memorial College to transfer to the Board of Ministerial Education the above named properties, to be held and used in the interest of Ministerial Education at Clarke College.

Second, that the Board of Ministerial Education be authorized and instructed to lend aid to the needy ministerial students at Clarke College.

Third, that the nominating committee be asked to nominate the president of Clarke Memorial Col-

lege or some party at Newton for membership on the Board of Ministerial Education.

RECOMMENDED AND ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, through the generosity of the people, the Orphanage, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons receive a surplus of perishable foods as well as a surplus of certain sizes of second-hand clothing and shoes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Convention commend to the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage and the Board of Ministerial Education the advisability of working out a plan for passing on a portion of said surplus to the families of struggling ministerial students at our colleges.

Adopted

Resolution

WHEREAS, Governor Paul B. Johnson has ever stood in firm, unyielding opposition to the liquor traffic, and

WHEREAS, His opposition was shown by statement that he would veto any liquor bill passed by the 1940 Legislature, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we, representing the 283,785 Mississippi Baptists, express to Governor Johnson our deep and sincere appreciation of his manifest Christian courage in opposing liquor and liquor legislation.

2. That we hereby pledge to him our support in his efforts to enforce the law; and to prevent the weakening or destroying of our liquor laws.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Johnson, and that a copy be given the press. That the President of the Convention and Dr. Lipsey convey in personal conference the sentiment of the Convention.

Adopted

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AN AIR BASE CHAPLAIN IN MISSISSIPPI

SPEAKING:

"You may be interested in knowing and you have my permission to use this testimony. In a nearby state we had some fine English boys training for the British Royal Air Force. I had the privilege of winning one of these boys to Christ while we were together for this brief period of time. A mid-air collision killed this boy and as I stood by his casket in the chapel there, how I rejoiced that I did not fail in my duty."

At Keesler Field a Soldier Speaking:

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Phil. 1:21.) Christ is all that I have to live for."

A Gulf Coast Pastor Speaking:

"We need help here now. Alone we can not scratch the surface. Workers and financial help badly needed."

Chief of Chaplains at Washington Reporting for Year Ending June 30, 1941:

11,640,000 Service men attended religious services.
118,990 religious services held.
2,237 marriage ceremonies performed.
3,172 funeral services conducted.
2,670 baptisms.

Newspaper Headlines:

"Jap Bombs Blast Manila—Leave Terrific Damage."

A Voice In Mississippi Says:

"Young men in uniform asking for prayers, rededicating their lives to Christ, others accepting Christ, still others giving their lives for our country."

WHAT WILL WE GIVE?

FRED R. LANGLEY, Supervisor,
Soldier Work Defense Projects.

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TO ALL TREASURERS

While suggesting that you send no monies to reach us Christmas week, as our offices will be closed then, it will be well for you to remember to get all receipts to us not later than December 31st, if you expect them to appear in the published 1941 receipts appearing soon in The Baptist Record.

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Rev. C. O. Daniels has gone from Silver Creek, to Immanuel, Hattiesburg. The people like him. He will lead them in a fine program.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

We present without change a personal testimony given four years ago in answer to specific questions. It has a message for our day!

"Certainly one of the best ways to find out what others are interested in is to have questions from them. For our Travel Talk this week I am taking questions repeatedly asked by both individuals and groups here and elsewhere, and giving answers out of my observations and experiences abroad:

"First question: Who will win the war—China or Japan? Well, that is an easy one to start on. Anybody can take a crack at answering that. Either China or Japan will win, of course. No!—Positively, both China and Japan will lose in this war! In a war, as in a personal fight, even if you win, you lose. Did America win the World War? Is the world safe for democracy? Buddies sleeping in Flanders Field! Thousands at home in hospitals! Children fatherless! Wives and mothers weeping! Forfeited foreign debts! Staggering national debts! Getting ready for another war! Did we win the World War? I wonder! Even so, both China and Japan will lose!

"The chances of Japan's winning are two-fold: First, a quickly-won war. She is having trouble doing the turn quickly. She is not prepared for a long-drawn-out war. Second, enough world powers may come to her aid to help her win. If powers come to her aid, we well know China will have some aid too.

"Second question: How do you account for the stiffened Chinese resistance in this war as compared to the faint spirit shown in other recent military difficulties? I would get at a correct answer by finding out what China has now that she did not have in those other wars. First, she has more of the Christ spirit than ever in her history. Many of her leaders are Christians. Moral courage is always superior to physical courage. They have the same bodies and about the same numbers but they have something inside those bodies they have not had in the some proportions before.

"Let me illustrate what I mean, out of my own experiences. I know what physical pain is. I have had a lower limb broken a couple of times, a bone in a wrist fractured, a shoulder put out of commission, both feet badly cut, scars remaining. I have been under an anesthetic three times and have come close to death in two accidents. But it took more courage to step up to a chap the first time and speak to him about Christ and the needs of his soul than it took to face any of the above. It took more courage to face an angry, but yellow, mob (they thought they were brave), and tell them to let me have their eggs and bullets, instead of pouncing upon a little crippled visitor, than it did to face any or all of the above. It took more courage to tell a college football coach that I could not begin a trip on Sunday as I had work to do for my Lord than it ever took to go through the experiences mentioned above. Some folks seeking thrills of moral courage by never rising greatly above the brute, physical courage, so-called. The Chinese have come into the possession of this moral courage in a way they have not known before. Christ in her leaders and in many of her followers, has brought new spirit to China. This new spirit undoubtedly has better equipment in hand than ever before. But what good is fine equipment in the hands of a coward? China has a new spirit!

"Third question: What do you think of our missionaries leaving over there now? I think it may be all right for the women and children to leave and any men who are sick. I think it would be no less than a shame for our missionaries to run away from China with the Chinese needing them

as never before. Multitudes sick, suffering, afraid, dying! How can Christ's men run from that need? Jesus said, 'He that would have his life shall lose it, but he that would lose his life for my sake shall find it.' How can our workers who run now expect to go back and face the Chinese after the war is over? Suppose a plague should break out in Philadelphia. Could her Christian leaders afford to run? Certainly not! Christian leaders have always been heroic in such hours, ministering to the sick, the suffering, the dying. Christian physicians, themselves heroes in such hours, having the advantage of the minister here in that they know best how to prevent personal contagion, have ever found the Christian ministers among their best allies in hours of epidemics. I have already read where Dr. Tipton, Dr. Rankin (ministers, not medical doctors (though we have such there too) and other missionaries chose to remain in China. I know these brethren and love them the more for their decisions.

"Fourth question: Do our missionaries measure up in ability, energy, consecration and efficiency with other leaders? Absolutely and easily so! I knew already many of our missionaries. I met many others on this trip. I did not meet a flat personality, or one lacking energy on the entire trip. They carry on their religious work seven days a week in difficult and often dangerous and strange environment. Recently Miss Clor and Miss Fenderson, two of our missionaries to Jerusalem, were up about Nablus (old Shechem) and were surrounded by a thousand Arabs with drawn knives, furious against anybody who happened to be non-Arab. These missionaries dropped to their knees in the car and talked to One greater than the British government. Soon an armored car came to their rescue. Some say 'a coincident.' No! Providence! There is a difference. I met physicians in the persons of Dr. Beddoe, Dr. Ayres, Dr. Vance and Dr. Bryan at Shanghai and Yangchow. They left all the possibilities of their profession in this country—men of ability, training, healthy bodies, active minds, and went out in the Name of Christ to minister to a needy people. Greatness! Yes! My hat is off to all such over there.

"Fifth question: Do the peoples of those heathen and idolatrous countries really believe the Gospel of Christ? Most assuredly! I witnessed their devotion in worship. I saw those who had given up old practices. I saw large buildings they had helped erect. I witnessed large and small churches with full programs going because of the loyalty of Christians, native to each country. I heard many testimonies of far-flung faithfulness of these peoples. They do grandly believe Christ! They do grandly trust Christ!

"Sixth question: Do they in old age return to their former superstitions? That some become disloyal to Christ there, as in America, cannot be doubted. Jesus anticipated that danger when He said in the ninth chapter of Luke, 'He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back is not fit for the kingdom of heaven.' I have repeatedly said, 'The man who is most shaming the fair Name of Christ is not the man in the gutter, or the man living in vile sin, but the man who once walked down the aisle of some Church of Christ, taking a stand with His people, and who later proves he never knew Christ by leaving it all, thereby saying "it is not worthwhile." Christ is the issue in China and around the world as in America.

"However, I insist that many Christians of other nations prove their faithfulness to Christ even unto death. I saw aged men and women, the former with their little beards. In their last days they were walking the Christ way. The missionaries testified to their loyalty.

"Again I visited a Christian cemetery in Shanghai where I saw the graves of many Chinese as well as missionaries who were 'faithful unto death.' The epitaph on the tombstone of Zung Ta Ta read: 'Beloved and faithful, for fifty years a Christian, for twenty-five years a Bible woman of the Southern Baptist Mission. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.' The epitaph on the tombstone of Whang Yih San read: 'Born in Shanghai, 1819. Died in Shanghai, 1901. He was a zealous and consistent member of the Old North Gate Baptist church for forty-two years, long a faithful deacon and the beloved pastor of the church during the last five years of his life. He contributed lib-

erally for the support of his church, and for the extension of God's Kingdom. He built a chapel and preached in it for years without remuneration. The memory of the just is blessed.' His wife sleeps at his side at the age of ninety-six.

"Such testimonies do not sound like they go back on Christ!

"Seventh question: You speak of some Chinese giving a hundred dollars, two hundred, five hundred, a thousand dollars to the cause of Christ in the churches for evangelism—Why then is there need for our giving if they give like that? Simply because the number who give over there is so limited as compared with the four hundred and sixty million Chinese. For instance, in Nanking, China, a city of nearly two million people, there is only one small Baptist church, whereas, in Mississippi with two million population, we have fourteen or sixteen hundred Baptist churches, and still we are not doing the job any too well for Christ here. We have only two hundred and three churches in all China with four hundred and sixty million people to carry on for Christ whereas in Mississippi alone we have over fourteen hundred churches. That is a simple illustration of the comparative needs.

"Eighth question: Is our money misspent? Well, I saw many missionaries, and still did not see all of them. Someone pays their salaries. If our money is misspent, where do their salaries come from? I saw chapels used for worship, church buildings large and small, schools and hospitals. If our money is misspent, who erected these? Consult the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention 1937, page 251, and you will find that over eight hundred thousand dollars actually reached those fields where we do work, namely: Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Europe, Japan, Palestine, Rumania, Mexico and Spain. I would not say every dollar is wisely spent. In what church or business in the U. S. A. can that be said? None! But the work of Christ goes on afar under the banner of Christ in our own denomination, and then Presbyterians, Methodists, Wesleyans, Episcopalians and many other others have their works also."

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AS AN EAGLE

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

Sometimes one meets a Christian upon whose head the multiplied years rest graciously. Mrs. J. T. Cotten, who lives at 936 Union avenue, Jackson, is one whom the prophet described when he wrote about those who wait upon the word. Mrs. Cotten this week had a private showing of her oil paintings which would have done credit to an artist graduating from schools of the painters. Yet, she has never had a lesson. She is living past her three-score years and ten, and when she became a shut-in a few years ago, she turned to painting, which she had longed to do since childhood, being deterred by a busy life with many responsibilities. Her portrait work is remarkable. Her nature studies are true and beautiful. She sold many small pieces for Christmas gifts. During the "open house" men, women and the children in her community and from other sections of Jackson and surrounding towns, thronged to do her honor. She is probably the best beloved woman in her part of the city. In days past when she was an active business woman, she was the most liberal giver in her church. She is beloved by the young people in whom she believes, and her sympathetic heart shares a problem for she loves and sympathizes with youth. Today she mounts up as the eagles! May God's blessings abide upon her life and shine brightly in her face as she marches triumphantly in the train of God's faithful soldiers!

—BR—

The only unjust criticism we had heard regarding the work of Mississippi Baptists for 1941 is directed at the Now Club from a Brother whose church of over one thousand members gave only one hundred dollars to it for a whole year. Some brethren will regard that as an unethical intrusion.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

We are grateful for this message from the pen of Miss Lackey:

A Little Christmas Message

I like Christmas. It never fails to come. For over eighty years I have watched for it; and no matter what condition or circumstance may surround us; whether it be the calmness of unbroken Peace, or the withering storm of war—Christmas never fails. Indeed, has not failed for two thousand years—not since the Wise Men saw the Star; or the shepherds saw and heard the sky broadcast the wondrous story. Many generations have come and gone since the marvelous proclamation was made; but not a year has passed that did not bring a return of Christmas.

I like Christmas, not only for its unfailing annual announcement of the world's greatest Good News, but also for its annual call on me for my BEST GIFT to His needy ones. The call is not exactly the same each year. But the need is made evident. This year "Russia asks for the Bible!" Soldier boys in camps or on the ocean; in the air or on the ground, show a like need for His Word. As is the call each year, there are little children, hungry, naked, homeless. There are aged ones longing for comfort, others in many lands are shrinking with anxiety. They are AFRAID. These call for my heart's best gift of SERVICE.

Over and above all these my BEST GIFT to HIM is my wholehearted, earnest soul clamor, expressed in PRAYER. This Christmas we must pray unitedly and continually for the Axis nations. Remember the lovely hymns and legends concerning the Yuletide that Germany has given the world? There are followers of Jesus there today, faithful and true. But their heads are low bowed, and their hearts are aching. Pray for them. Do you call to mind now the voice of Italy has in the past rung out in His praise on Christmas morning? They, too, need our prayers. And Japan. Oh, the aching hearts of Japanese Christians, who are thinking of their suffering missionaries! Let us pray for them. But because of their outspoken activities, these nations are not alone in needing His grace. A friend came to me recently, who has been spending some time in France. She said, "I love France, but I stayed there long enough to learn that she is all wrong INSIDE."

Beloved, is that not the trouble with each and all of us who dwell on the globe today? The heavenly Father never afflicts willingly. When we go astray His rod must be felt. Praise Him for His long-suffering. May He, Who holds the world in the hollow of His hand, remember us as we try to honor His special day; accept our service as we offer it; and hear us as we pray.

'Tis Christmas morning Friend. May we not then Attune our hearts to join the angels' song, Of "peace on earth, good will to men"?

Aye, may we not the glad sweet note prolong? For lo! 'tis echoing down the ages still,

And may be heard above the deafening roar Of war's wild anguished shriek. Then let us fill Our souls with Faith's glad calm; look up once more;

Let prayer through our each anxious moment blend And praise Him for this Christmas morning, Friend.

MARGARET McRAE LACKEY.

This Club has been organized for one year, each month questions appear in WORLD'S COMRADES and when the magazine is read and questions answered, they are to be sent to Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Almost a hundred received the pin, after having sent in the correct answers for three months in succession; however, only one had sent in answers for all 12 months, when the January issued of World Comrades had to go to press (Dec. 12). Congratulations to EVELYN HILL, WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI, for completing the entire 12 months (already her answers have come to the office for the January, 1942, questions). Since that

time two others have sent in the 12th set of answers: Julian Ray Kern, Carthage, and Hilda Young, Smithdale. Three others have sent in eleven sets of answers: Joy Durham Morgan, Bay St. Louis, Helen Keys Brewer, Greenwood, and Norma Lee Smith, Greenwood. Turn to page 21 of the January, 1942, WORLD COMRADES and find the following:

World Comrades Club

Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary members and Sunbeams can proudly wear the World Comrades Club pin by joining the World Comrades Club. Read the magazine throughout, answer the questions, and send answers to your State W. M. U. Young People's Leader. (Do not send them to Birmingham.) Do this for three consecutive months and you will receive a World Comrades button. If you continue reading the magazine and sending answers for twelve months, your name will be published in World Comrades. Names of some who have answered questions for 12 months will be published next month.

1. What two words did Marjorie remember which became her magic shoes?
2. Why did Kiko have to give his testimony in a language that was strange to him?
3. What do the three flags on the Castle A-1 stand for?
4. What did Jesus say that made Rhoda be more kindly to Miriam?
5. How were Okama, Lotus Blossom and Graceful Elegance each true to Jesus?
6. How many kinds and queens were crowned in the Coronation Service in Chile?

Subscribe to WORLD COMRADES today (as a part of your Christmas present) for your son or daughter from 4-16 years of age—\$1.00 per year from World Comrades, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

An interesting excerpt from a Sunbeam leader: "Our Sunbeams really enjoyed the book used—The Home Mission Story was so easy for them to grasp. One meeting I gave a background for it, the next time I told the story, the next time we had a 'picture show,' the booklet was arranged just right for cutting up and showing through the stereopticon. Then on a picnic we reviewed the story in our rest period and enjoyed acting it out as a 'play.' The book used was 'Jack of the Bean Fields,' price 25c from the Baptist Book Store."

Mrs. J. R. Goff, Young People's Director, writes that the Annual Church Night of Stewardship at Lucedale was unusually good: Devotional, Mrs. W. S. Freeland; Acrostics by Sunbeams, directed by Mrs. David Larrimore; solo, "My Task," Mas. Marion Dorsett; "The Value of a Boy," by Junior R. A., directed by Mrs. O. Z. Smith; Stewardship Story, Jacqueline Calhoun; playlet by Intermediate R. A.'s directed by Mrs. S. E. Buchanan; pianologue, Miss Nona Robinson and a Stewardship play, "When the Owner Cometh," directed by Mrs. Tillis Hill.

W. M. U. Missionary and Bible Topics For Calendar Year of 1942

Missionary Topics Theme: "Thy Will Be Done On Earth"

That Thy will be done on earth: Think on these things

(Largeness of Christian Ethics)

Bible Topics Theme: Lessons from Providence

(Note—The extra space given for the following list of monthly missionary and Bible topics seems justified in the expectation that these pages will be used as monthly and advance reminders after the names of the respective leaders have been duly entered.)

January

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are true."

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). Our relation to this truth; our obligation to share this truth to correct us, this grace to refine us, this love to uplift us. Illustrations from mission fields. (Include responsibility of women to relate this truth to young people.)

Bible Topic: The Training of Moses—Ex. 2:10. Acts 7:22.

February

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are honest."

To think honestly, be honest, need to be honest

with the Lord's money. Elements of good stewardship. Individual honesty, denominational honesty. Pay debts—Hundred Thousand Club and other debt-paying plans. (Include young people and responsibility of women to train them in stewardship.)

Bible Topic: Joseph and His Brethren—Gen. 37:28; 47:38-41; Acts 7:9-10.

March

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are just."

Justice toward minority races in America—Understanding backgrounds, appreciation of cultures. Recognition of contributions. Exhibiting spirit of love, overcoming and helping to break down our prejudices and their prejudices. Think justly, act justly.

Bible Topic: Two Visions—Acts 10:1-20.

April

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are pure."

Moral standards. Magnify Christ in our lives by the thoughts of our hearts, by the words of our lips, by the works of our hands. Total abstinence. The right kind of good times (camps, house parties). Clean literature. Social responsibility to young people.

Bible Topic: In Training for the King—Dan. 1:8-20.

May

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are lovely."

Importance of missionary training of youth. Cite examples of missionary impressions made in young people's organizations. Grace McBride Y. W. A. Lovely youth. Lovely that Christ uses youth. Letters from young people on foreign fields in missionary organizations.

Bible Topic: Queen Esther—Book of Esther.

June

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are of good report."

Report of Christian graces. Appreciation of Christian development in the life of women. Illustrations from Africa or orient. Margaret fund.

Bible Topic: Beauty for Ashes—Book of Ruth.

July

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are of virtue."

Obedience. Fidelity to His commands. Evidence of the continuity of His purpose of grace which embraces all the things He does for man as shown by examples from Latin-America.

Bible Topic: Providence Misunderstood—Gen. 42:36.

August

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things are of praise."

W. M. U. Training School. How through the new building more students can go out to talk of His marvelous works, make known among the peoples His doings, thus praising Him.

Bible Topic: The Second Temple—Ezra 6:1-16.

September

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things learned in His Word."

Prayer. Faith. Power of His Spirit. Need of winning those about us. Cities, rural sections.

Bible Topic: The Covenant at Sinai—Ex. 24:1-11.

October

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things heard through His disciples."

Courage. Perseverance. Christian heroism illustrated on mission fields.

Bible Topic: Into Jail and Out—Acts 16:16-40.

November

Missionary Topic: Think on these things: "Whatsoever things seen in His work."

The potentialities and achievements through the Cooperative Program.

Bible Topic: The Wall of Jerusalem—Neh. 2:1-5. 11-20.

December

Missionary Topic: These things do. "What can we do?"

Prize every fragment of human worth, claiming it for God. Make God's will supreme in our own lives. Help others God's will to know, God's will to do, God's will to love.

Bible Topic: The World Into Which Jesus Came—Luke 2:1-21.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I

If we call another large block of bonds the first half of 1942 it will be necessary for us to keep up the flow of money for that purpose.

II

Now Club pledges total \$274,832. They should total over \$500,000. That is the road to complete victory. Let us have your personal and church pledges.

III

A brother from the Mississippi association, not having the cash, sold a yearling to pay his Now Club pledge.

IV

Another large church, First Baptist, Natchez, goes over-the-top in Now Club pledges. Dr. W. A. Sullivan, one of our best prepared men is pastor. Congratulations!

V

Over-the-Top churches:

Gunnison—Bolivar.
Carson—Jeff Davis.
Holly Springs—Marshall.
Doddsville—Sunflower.
Bethel—Winston.
Carpenter—Copiah.
Toomsaba—Lauderdale.
Pleasant Ridge—Itawamba.
Natchez, First—Franklin.
Graysport—Grenada.
Sidon—Leflore.
Pilgrims Rest—Panola.
Corinth—Tallahatchie.
Mt. Pisgah—Tallahatchie.
Phillipp—Tallahatchie.

VI

No. 3510 for \$36, No. 3511 for \$36, Shubuta in Clarke County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3292 for \$36, No. 3293 for \$36, No. 3294 for \$36, No. 3295 for \$36, No. 621 for \$100, Crystal Springs, Copiah County.

No. 2002 for \$36, No. 3516 for \$36, No. 3517 for \$36, No. 3518 for \$36, No. 3519 for \$36, No. 3520 for \$36, No. 3521 for \$36, No. 3522 for \$36, No. 3523 for \$36, No. 3524 for \$36, No. 3525 for \$36, No. 3526 for \$36, No. 3527 for \$36, No. 3528 for \$36, No. 3529 for \$36, No. 3530 for \$36, No. 3531 for \$36, No. 3532 for \$36, No. 61 for \$500, No. 574 for \$100 plus \$16, Natchez First in Franklin County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 70 for \$500, Graysport in Grenada (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 602 for \$100, Hardy in Grenada County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3196 for \$36, Gulfport First, in Gulf Coast (Mrs. McCartney, worker).

No. 3288 for \$36, Durant in Holmes County.

No. 272 for \$36, Pleasant Ridge in Itawamba (E. D. Estes, worker).

No. 100 for \$250, No. 552 for \$100 and \$10, Prentiss in Jeff Davis (Hightower, field worker).

No. 49 for \$500, No. 60 for \$500, No. 569 for \$100, No. 570 for \$100, Meridian First in Lauderdale (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2513 for \$36, No. 576 for \$50, No. 571 for \$100, 41st Avenue of Meridian (Hightower, field worker).

No. 101 for \$250, No. 575 for \$50, No. 3515 for \$36, No. 553 for \$100, No. 554 for \$100, No. 3512 for \$36, Highland in Meridian (Hightower, field worker).

No. 572 for \$100, No. 573 for \$100, No. 3514 for \$36 and \$4, South Side in Meridian (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3290 for \$36, Toomsaba in Lauderdale (Mrs. Glascock, worker).

No. 69 for \$500, Sidon in Leflore (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3289 for \$36, No. 3291 for \$36, New Ireland in Newton County (M. O. Barfoot, worker).

No. 600 for \$100, No. 601 for \$100, Pilgrim's Rest in Panola (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3296 for \$36, Mt. Creek in Rankin County (Mrs. Matthews, worker).

No. 600 for \$50, Corinth in Tallahatchie (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 599 for \$50, No. 598 for \$50, No. 3128 for \$36,

CLINTON

The Clinton Baptist Church has for some time wished to express in some worthy way their appreciation and esteem for a man who was for fourteen years their honored and beloved pastor, the late Dr. B. H. Lovelace. No more fitting way could be conceived of to perpetuate his memory than by placing a Memorial window in the baptistry of the church. In order to do this it necessitated the complete remodeling of the present baptistry which will add immeasurably to the beauty and effectiveness of the baptismal services. Last Sunday, December 7, was designated by the church as a time for a special offering to be given for this purpose. Approximately \$475.00 of the necessary \$1,000.00 was donated by the membership of the Clinton Baptist Church and the friends of both the church and Dr. Lovelace. There are yet many more friends of Dr. Lovelace throughout the State who would welcome the opportunity of sharing in this memorial, and who are interested in this work of the Clinton Baptist Church. It is to you that we now extend the invitation to join with us in the erection of a memorial worthy of the man whom we all loved. The committee appointed for the purpose is going ahead with plans for the immediate beginning of this feature of our church program which will honor an esteemed Christian gentleman and give a new beauty and reverence worthy of the ordinance instituted by our Lord.

—BR—

THE KING'S BUSINESS

Some of the larger designated funds handled by your Convention Board office in 1941 are:

Baptist Orphanage Specials	\$11,132.25
Baptist Orphanage Building Fund	\$2,527.14
Foreign Mission Specials	\$23,150.53
Home Mission Specials	\$15,267.74
Hundred Thousand Club	\$7,875.23
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	\$3,722.55
Work with Soldiers	\$2,960.11
Mississippi Woman's College Endowment	\$826.40
Refuel and Annuity Board Retirement	\$22,098.58

and many others plus Cooperative Program distribution.

—BR—

The following words record progress at Lexington. Dr. Judson Chastain is a worthy leader in an outstanding place of service.

Lexington Baptists are under lasting obligation to Mr. Auber Wilds, our State B. T. U. secretary, to his efficient office helper, Miss Electra Warren, to Mrs. John Greenoe, of Vicksburg, and to Mrs. Taylor Howard, Water Valley, Miss. They unselfishly devoted their talents to help us establish our Training Union work here. Perhaps one of our Juniors best expressed the sentiment of us all when he said, "Ask them to come back again next year!"

Our friends expressed themselves as gratified over the progress we made during the course of the week, and were outspoken in their appreciation of the hospitality afforded them during their stay. Truly, it was a joy to have such fine people in our homes!

Director W. J. Bilbro goes around with a broad smile, now that B. A. U. President Marvin Pope and Story Hour leader, Miss Shirley Drennant, have begun their work.

—BR—

Dr. A. S. Johnson, pastor of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, is one of our most constructive men. There were five for baptism and three additions by letter at his church Sunday. Thus, the work of God runs.

Layman Clifton F. Barrett, Williamsville, Attala County, is interested in all the work. He is superintendent of the Sunday School, chairman of the Now Club, and a junior deacon. All members there are interested in a new building.

No. 3127 for \$36, Mt. Pisgah in Tallahatchie (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 43 for \$250, No. 603 for \$100, No. 602 for \$50, Philipp in Tallahatchie (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3131 for \$36, No. 601 for \$50, No. 3130 for \$36, No. 3129 for \$36, No. 3132 for \$36, No. 3133 for \$36, No. 3134 for \$36, Oakland in Yalobusha County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 597 for \$50, No. 3126 for \$36, Sylvarena in Yalobusha County (McLaurin, field worker).

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, there are about 8,000 Baptist students in Mississippi, of which over 7,000 are in state supported schools, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for further promotion and co-ordination of the work among the Baptist students of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, the employment of a state Baptist student secretary would be a great stride toward promoting and co-ordinating work among our Baptist students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the State Baptist Convention instruct the State Convention Board to employ a state-wide Baptist student secretary without displacing any full-time local Baptist student secretary now employed.

We recommend that the above resolution be passed on to the Convention Board for its earnest and urgent consideration and that as soon as sufficient funds are in sight and a suitable man can be found that a secretary be employed.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the teaching of Bible in the state supported higher educational institutions of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, some work in this direction is now being done, especially in the junior colleges, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the denomination to provide teachers for this work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the State Baptist Convention instruct the State Convention Board to allocate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually to promote the teaching of Bible in the state supported schools, and

That this program be administered by the State Convention Board as it deems wise, but be separate from the Baptist Student Work.

Substitute

We recommend that the monies paid to pastors teaching in tax-supported schools be taken from the pastoral support fund instead of from the B. S. U. fund.

WHEREAS, all the physical assets of Clarke College belongs to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, the trustees and faculty of Clarke College beautify the campus, repair and insure the buildings, and add to the library at no cost whatever to this Convention, and

WHEREAS, the said College is a junior college operated by a Board of Trustees appointed by this Convention, and

WHEREAS, the education and training in said Clarke College is distinctly Christian, and

WHEREAS, the trustees and faculty of said College have no source of income with which to operate said College except student fees, and

WHEREAS, Clarke College being a junior College can and does furnish educational advantages at a price much cheaper than can be afforded by a senior college, thereby reaching a group of students that can not be reached by our senior colleges, and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that most of the graduates of the said Clarke College who go to senior colleges go to one of the other of the senior colleges owned and operated by this Convention, the said Clarke College thereby becoming a source for students to our senior colleges, therefore be it resolved:

First: That the State Mission Board of this Convention be instructed to contribute the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the said Clarke College for current expenses of the present session.

Second: That the said sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be collected and paid as and when other monies are collected and paid by the said Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEE.

W. A. Sullivan read the following report on Time, Place and Preacher:

Time: November 19, 20, and 21, 1942.

Place: First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Preacher: J. A. Barnhill, Hattiesburg.

Alternate: Wyatt R. Hunter, McComb.

—BR—

The Pascagoula Baptist Church has completed its Now Club goal by putting it in the budget for 1942. Congratulations to Dr. L. E. Green and his fine helpers.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BILOXI and KEESLER FIELD The United States Technical Air School

The Church Is Ideally Located

The First Baptist Church is located on West Howard Avenue, and is a little more than one mile from the entrance to Keesler Field. All the men in going to and from the field to the business district of Biloxi have to pass the church.

The Church Is Preparing To Minister To The Men

A church library and reading room have been opened on the ground floor of the church and is open every evening. As many as seventy-five young men have visited the reading room in one afternoon. The number of books is very limited and the equipment is inadequate, but will be added to as funds are available.

The Training Union, under the personal supervision of our B. T. U. director, sponsors a social for the men of Keesler Field and the young people of the church every Saturday night. These socials are well attended.

The Training Union has two B. Y. P. U.'s for the men and others will be organized within the near future.

The Young People's Department of our Sunday School has organized a class for Keesler men and from an hundred to an hundred thirty-five attend the class each Sunday. As additional numbers are transferred here the attendance upon this class and all other services of the church is increased.

Every man who attends Sunday School is given a Talent Sheet, on which is named practically every kind of religious work. The men check these sheets and thus give us information concerning the types of service they have rendered. It is delightfully surprising to see and know the large number who have served as Sunday School officers and teachers, B. T. U. officers, choir members, song leaders, deacons, ushers, and in other capacities.

From two hundred fifty to three hundred fifty attend the worship services of our church each Sunday, and the number is increasing. A large number remain for the fellowship service which is held in the lower auditorium after the evening service each Sunday.

We endeavor to get the names of Baptist men as they arrive at Keesler Field. We then mail them cards welcoming them to Biloxi and inviting them to make the First Baptist Church their church home while here. The cards also indicate the time for the various services of the church.

When the men attend Sunday School and sign the Talent Sheets we then mail cards to their parents telling them of our pleasure in having their sons with us and letting them know that their sons are attending church.

Parents Appreciate Our Efforts

Following are a few of the many letters we receive from anxious parents:

This one is from a mother in North Carolina:

"Dear Brother and Mrs. Hodge:

"On this Thanksgiving Day I feel that I have one thing to be especially thankful for and that is that our son, (X), who is in Keesler Field, Biloxi, has found someone who has been a good friend to him while so far away from home.

"He was so lonesome and homesick when first sent to the camp in Biloxi, but since he has learned to know you folk his letters home are so much more like his old self again.

"He speaks of you often in his letters telling us how nice you have been to him, and his father and I want you to know how much we appreciate your interest in him. . . ."

This comes from a mother in Tennessee:

"Dear Brother Hodge:

"My husband and I were most happy today to receive a card from you with reference to our son, (X), being in your services Sunday. He has written us that he was attending church and of your friendly and cordial welcome, and we want you to know that we thoroughly appreciate your kindness and the Christian fellowship extended to him.

"Our son has been reared in practically all the activities of the church and enjoys them. He would be lonesome and lost without the privileges

and contacts of the church, especially since this is his first experience of being so far from home. . . ."

This is from a mother in Texas:

"Dear Brother Hodge:

"Your letter to hand and we were made glad indeed to hear from you concerning our son, (X). Words fail me when I try to express to you and your good wife our appreciation for the many courtesies shown our boy since going to Biloxi.

"You will never know how much it means to us mothers and our sons. I am so happy that he can serve in the church even in a small way. It gives him the opportunity to grow and also to help others. . . ."

This one is from Illinois:

"Dear Brother Hodge:

"Did appreciate your card so much and am glad that our son is attending church. It made my heart rejoice, and I do hope and pray that he will continue attending regularly. He seems more interested in church than before he left home. He writes me lots about it, and says he likes his new church home. He said he walks two miles to church, but that he doesn't mind it at all. . . ."

This is from a mother in east Tennessee:

"Dear Brother in Christ:

"My son, (X), sent me the card he received from you. I am writing to tell you how much we mothers appreciate the interest you are taking in our sons. He and two of his best friends here left good homes and jobs to join the air corps. They have never been away from home before, and are very homesick. One is the son of a Baptist minister here. My son is not a Christian though he is a good moral boy. They are from the best of homes. Anything you can do to help them will be appreciated. . . ."

Appeals Like This Are Heartbreaking

We receive many letters similar to this one, but what can we do when we have many thousands of boys here?

This comes from a mother in Ohio:

"Dear Sir:

"We have a son, (X), in Keesler Field. We would appreciate it so much if you would call upon him and keep in touch with him. He, like so many other soldiers, must find it lonely, and I am sure he would appreciate your friendship, and we could never thank you enough for being kind to him. . . ."

"Thanking you, and trust that you and (X) will become very close friends. . . ."

The First Baptist Church Needs a Full-Time Helper

There are about fourteen thousand six hundred young men here now, December 3, and others are coming in every day. There are to be about twenty-eight thousand here at a time, according to present plans. Some say the field is to be enlarged.

Only a small percentage of the men sent here are able to take the mechanical course offered here. The others have to be sent on to some other school, and are here from four to six weeks. Those who take the course given here remain from six to eight months. During a period of twelve months more than a hundred thousand men may be transferred to and from Keesler Field.

As pastor of the church we find it to be impossible to minister to the men in Keesler Field and to the local members of our church and prospective members in town. It is impossible to minister to all of them, and it could hardly be expected that we should neglect the local constituency.

In our opinion, the Baptists of Mississippi could not spend mission money to better advantage than to place here a full-time worker, trained in personal work and music (he should by all means be an efficient song leader) to work in connection with our church program and to give his entire time to the young men and officers in Keesler Field. Several thousand employees and their families are here. They are here from all parts of the country. Someone must go after them. Many of them will not take the initiative in coming to us.

The First Baptist Church Needs a Recreation Hall

The ground floor of the church is inadequate. We need a hall large enough to entertain at least

"TAKE TIME TO—"

In the field of journalism, there are many good publications, and among those with a constructive policy, especially for our Southern people, is the Progressive Farmer. Each edition bears a sermon by Rev. J. W. Holland, and we quote some of the thought-provoking things he says in a recent column:

"With Christmas and New Year's just ahead, it seems an appropriate time to quote this paragraph from a letter of one of our readers: 'There is no time, it seems, in our fast way of living, for people to get together and really enjoy the important and essential things.'"

This woman is not alone in her ideas. We are all rushing along too fast. A minister friend told me that on a return from his vacation he drove 500 miles one day. I asked him what he saw on the journey. He answered, 'I saw 500 miles of pavement.' What on earth is the sense of going so fast we see nothing?

Let's take more time off for friendship. It is worth it, and what is of much value to us without friendship? . . .

Let's take a little time out to think. Much of our life is hostile to thinking. . . .

Let's take a little time to express the love we bear for our loved ones. If this were done, many homes now torn and full of unrest could be filled with and almost infinite contentment. A busy wife once said to me, 'My husband and I had gotten so busy working for our children that we almost forgot that we were supposed to remain lovers.'"

Let's take a little time to cultivate the higher ideals, and keep up the beauty side of the mind and heart. The English have an ugly word that I do not like. It is 'slattern.' It has a snake's hiss in it. It is applied to people who have let carelessness and neglect injure their moral standards and their very posture and appearance. We must always avoid the 'don't care' attitude.

Finally, let's take a little time off for prayer and worship. . . . It is time well spent. And in cultivating the things we are going to take with us on our Eternal Journey. We shall take with us no money but only the love we have liberated, the characters we have developed, under the example, spirit, and guidance of the Christ.

Let's take a little time off for these things during 1942—and start getting into practice now!

—BR—

Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Durant, Oklahoma, recently delivered three addresses at the Texas Training Union Convention in Fort Worth.

I went to Africa as prejudiced as the biggest infidel in London. There came to me out there a long time for reflection. It was in the heart of the Dark Continent, far away from a worldly world. I saw a solitary old man there, and asked myself: 'Why on earth does he stop here? Is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him? What motive can he have for such a life of loneliness, hardships, and peril?' For months after we met, I simply found myself watching him, listening to him, and wondering at him, as he carried out all that was said in the Bible. But, little by little, his sympathy and spirit became contagious. Seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how quietly he did his duty, I was converted by him, though he had not tried to do it.—Henry M. Stanley, Biblical Recorder.

two hundred people in a social, and equipped with a library, reading and lounging room, and indoor games. Many of the men do not want to hang out around dance halls, beer parlors, night clubs or gambling houses, but unless some other place is provided for them, where else can they go when out of camp?—they have no homes to go to. And if the churches do not provide some place for them, who will?

Our church has a lot and plenty of ground for tennis and other outdoor games, and if the people over the state will cooperate with us we will, with the Lord's help, minister to the social and spiritual needs of the thousands of lads who will come here through the years. This field offers the Baptists of Mississippi unlimited opportunities to serve their Master who said, 'Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me.'

G. C. HODGE, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

BALANCING THE LEDGER WITH GOD
Sermon to Pastors' and Laymen's Conference
By Madison Flowers, Goodman

Isaiah 21:11f. Watchman what of the night? This cry came out of Seir, from an oppressed people. To understand the significance of the watchman you will read Ezekiel 3:16-21, and 33:1-9. The duty of the watchman was to blow the trumpet and give the warning. Charged with a responsibility. Then God said to Ezekiel, "I set thee a watchman over the house of Israel." Duty is to warn. Christ said to disciples, "I give unto thee the keys." Charged with a responsibility. To balance the ledger with God we must meet this responsibility.

Watchman what of the night, comes from a distressed people. They want relief. They might be saying, "What is the hour of the night?" or "How much longer?" "What makes the night so dark?" or "What are you doing about it?" or "Are you making it darker by neglecting to blow the trumpet?" or "Is there any hope from this bondage or suffering?"

We see three conditions pictured here:

I. THE FIRST NIGHT.

The conditions as we see them now. What makes it dark?

1. All are born in sin.

Since Adam fell every child born into the world has an evil nature, except Jesus. Eph. 2:3.

2. All unreconciled people are enemies of God. Rom. 5:10.

3. Men resist God. Acts 7:51. You do always resist the Holy Spirit. Going deeper into darkness.

4. Men will not heed a warning. When the bridge washed out between Edwards and Vicksburg, many went to their death because they would not heed a warning. Why is it so dark?

5. "Because that knowing God they glorified him not as God . . . became vain in their reasonings . . . changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man. . . ." Rom. 1:21-23.

Refused to have God in their knowledge. Rom. 1:28.

We look out upon a war torn, sin cursed world and say, "Dark." Yes, men are after one another on land, sea, and in the air, hurling one another into eternity without God.

6. Why is it so dark?

Because men are quitting the Lord's field and going over into the field of the enemy to work. A limited survey of a few places where beer is sold revealed the fact that out of 131 stations selling beer, 53 of them were run by church members. It also means that God's money is being used to advance the cause of the enemy. Men will have to keep their heads out of Delilah's lap or be shorn of their strength. Or blindly grinding at the mill of the Philistines.

Church members drink the devil's liquor, curse and swear and live immoral lives as they work in the field of the enemy of God.

7. Because men like sheep have gone astray.

Men made in the image of God, with reasoning power, with understanding, with the power of choice, yet they go astray like a sheep, like a dumb animal. Men made to be set over the works of God's hands to have dominion and to subdue for God go astray like an animal without any reasoning power. Man for whom God gave His only begotten Son to die, to redeem, to become sin, to be numbered with the transgressors—all this for man who wanders away like a dumb animal. God furnishes all things that pertain to life and Godliness, makes man to be a partaker of His divine nature, adopts him into the heavenly family, puts all the divine power at his disposal and promises him a home in the house of many mansions, and then man strays off like a dumb animal.

8. Dark because men have set aside God's plan of financing his work.

The tithe is God's today just as truly as in the days of Moses. If Southern Baptists would balance their ledger with God the mission fields could be flooded with missionaries, and Christian schools would not be struggling for existence. One of the saddest pictures in my mind is the partial retreat of four and one-half million Baptists from the mission fields a few years back. There was a depression but we had the money in our pockets that belonged to our God and we would not let Him

have it. We came back from that mission field because our ledgers were out of balance.

On the veranda of a big hotel in Switzerland a lady was sitting, with field glasses, watching three men climbing the mountain, miles away. The men had tied themselves together with a rope for the purpose of mutual assistance as they climbed the mountain. Suddenly the glasses fell from the lady's hands and she fell to the floor in a swoon. A man ran, picked up the glasses to see what had happened. He saw the men sliding down. Then a halt, then two fell while the other remained on the mountainside. A party went out after the men who had fallen down the mountainside and discovered that the rope was cut. Charged with a responsibility, but he cut loose from it.

When we look at a Christian school lying at the foot of the mountain, do we not find that the rope was cut? We had God's money in our pocket but we would not give it. When we see the missionaries coming back from the field and a heathen world, millions of lost souls lying at the foot of the mountain, bleeding and broken, I am sure that our God will say "the rope was cut." The ledger was out of balance.

If the ledger is balanced several things are to be considered.

1. What do I owe?

What is the evidence that I owe Him anything? I have been charged with a responsibility. Have I met it? God's own plain statement is that the tithe is His, and holy unto Him.

His accusation, "Ye have robbed me," against those who refused to give Him that tithe. The parables of the "talents" and "pounds" prove that the servants were in possession of goods belonging to their Master and that they owed Him something when He returned.

The "keys" committed prove that I am charged with a responsibility. Each one shall be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:10 is proof that I owe something.

2. What have I paid?

The Lord said if you speak and warn you have delivered your soul even if the people do not heed. Have I delivered the warning? The ledger can be balanced or God would be untrue. I am sure we cannot balance our ledger with Him unless we come to His figures. No matter how much the other fellow gives it does not balance my ledger.

3. Wherein have we failed?

I have failed in exercise of faith. How often does the Lord have to say to me, "O ye of little faith"?

Failed in obedience, "Whatsoever he says to you do it." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength." At a church meeting a speaker was talking to a congregation of negroes on the subject of consistency. He said, "Brethren, we must be honorable and honest. We must be consistent or God cannot use us." One brother rose and said, "You are right, I owes Brother Jones \$25.00 and I is going to pay him." Brother Jones rose up and said, "Hallelujah, it is a revival."

If such a conviction could get started among Mississippi Baptists that we cannot be consistent with God's money in our pockets that we have withheld from Him, men would be rising up all over the land saying "That is so, brother, and I am going to balance my ledger with God." You would hear voices from all over Mississippi and the Southland and the world saying "hallelujah, it is a revival." There would be the Christian schools, the boys and girls who want a Christian education, the lost millions of earth would chime in.

But this is not all. The angels of God would be joining the chorus of hallelujahs. I am not stretching the blanket either because the Word says, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Why is it so dark? Not so much the millions of lost ones who need salvation but that five millions of people who claimed to have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb should in any sense retreat from the mission field, and struggle along for years under a few million dollars while lost people tumble into eternity without God. We had the money in our pockets. It belonged to God, but the ledger was unbalanced.

II. A HOPE HELD OUT. THE MORNING COMETH.

This is the second part of the watchman's state-

ment. There is always light ahead.

Jeremiah told of a horrible calamity coming on the people. They were going to be taken into captivity, but a hope was held out to them. "God will not make a full end of you." Jer. 4:27. The watchman sees a light; what is it?

1. God says, "It is not my will that any should perish." This is a wonderful message to a lost world.

2. A bruised reed will he not break.

3. God has not cut us off in our sins.

This should be a hope for all who neglect to do the will of God. He gives us another chance. It is dangerous to go off of God's field. When Israel left the field at Kadesh-Barnesa God took the opportunity away from them. Christ says to the church at Ephesus, "Repent, or your candlestick shall be removed." He is giving Southern Baptists a glorious second chance. We did not leave the field entirely.

4. God is Love. Love never fails.

This is the reason Paul prayed for the Philippians that their "Love might be supplied with knowledge." Love will supply the means if love knows. It never fails.

You remember the beautiful story of Basil Underwood and Bessie, his sweetheart. Basil was sentenced to die at the ringing of curfew, at sunset. Bessie tried to get the sentence changed but failed. She pled with the old sexton not to ring the bell that evening but he said it must ring. She said "Curfew must not ring tonight." She climbed the dusty stairway to the bell tower where no foot had gone for years, and as the old sexton began to pull that rope she seized the clapper with grim determination that curfew should not ring. She swung far out over the city. The old sexton was deaf and did not know the bell was not ringing. It is still now. She comes down. Bessie did not die that night. Next morning Cromwell came and Bessie went to him and told her story, and showed those bruised hands. Basil lived. But the mission cause of our Lord did not have a lover who would climb that dusty stairway of blood sacrifice and with grim determination seize the bell that was to sound the death knell of a great part of our mission work. If it had been true we would have swung far out into those mission fields with the message of life for lost men. Then, as Bessie to Cromwell, we could have gone to our Lord, and showing Him those bruised hands, could have heard Him say, "Come put them in my nail-scarred hands for you are filling up that which was lacking in my afflictions." But we did not come back with bruised hands, but with lily white hands of ease that were too soft and tender to grab a sinking vessel. There was no Barnabas to sell all his possessions and save the day for his Lord and for a needy world.

No one would fall on his knees in that garden that preceded Calvary and cry with the Lord, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." Jesus was the only one in the garden that night who was hearing the cry of a lost world, who was sweating drops of blood. The others were asleep.

There was no one there that day to save that retreat from the mission field, to answer the call of our Christian schools. Someone has said it in these words:

"The Lord Christ wanted a tongue that day,
 To speak a message of cheer
 To a heart that was weary, worn and sad,
 Weighted with a mighty fear.
 He asked me for mine, but, 'twas busy quite,
 With mine own affairs from morn till night.

"The Lord Christ wanted a hand one day
 To do a loving deed;
 He wanted two feet on an errand for Him,
 To run with gladsome speed,
 But I had need of mine own that day;
 And to His gentle beseechings I answered 'Nay.'

"So all that day I used my tongue,
 My hands, and my feet as I chose;
 I said some hasty, bitter words
 That hurt one heart God knows.
 I busied my hands with worthless play,
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A SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Mississippi Baptists' 1942 Calendar

JANUARY 1942

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Evangelism.
W. M. U. Institutes.
Sunday School Associational Meetings.
One Hundred Thousand Club Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Church School of Missions.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
1942 Church Program Outline Completed.

FEBRUARY 1942

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Evangelism.
G. A. Focus Week, 8-13.
Hundred Thousand Club Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
Cooperative Program Causes.
Church Schools of Missions.
Week of Bible Study.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

MAY 1942

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Evangelism.
Cooperative Program.
Now Club Roundup.
B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.
Y. W. A. Focus Week, 10-17.
Orphanage Day.
Hospital Day.
Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio, 16f.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

JUNE 1942

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Evangelism—Church and Association.
Cooperative Program.
Now Club—Christian Education Day.
Vacation Bible School.
Royal Ambassador Camp, Castalian Springs, 2-6.
Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp, 23—July 3.

SEPTEMBER 1942

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Evangelism—Association and Church.
Cooperative Program.
Association Meetings.
Now Club Support.
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
W. M. U. Training School.
State Mission Week of Prayer, 14-17.
B. T. U. Study Course.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

OCTOBER 1942

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Evangelism.
Cooperative Program Support.
Now Club Emphasis.
Fellowship Offering.
Association Meetings.
B. S. U. Convention.
S. S. Study Course.
State Mission Day in Sunday School.
Layman's Day, 19th.
W. M. U. District Meetings, 7-16.
B. T. U. Association, 20-26.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

S. S. Study Course.
State Mission Day in Sunday School.
Layman's Day, 19th.
W. M. U. District Meetings, 7-16.
P. M. U. Association, 17-20.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

Vacation Bible School.
Royal Ambassador Camp, Castalian Springs, 2-6.
Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp, 23-July 3.

Church Schools of Missions.
Week of Bible Study.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

MARCH 1942

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Evangelism.
Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, 23-26, inclusive.
Sunday School Missions.
B. T. U. Study Course.
Home Missions Week of Prayer.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

APRIL 1942

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Evangelism.
Cooperative Program Causes.
B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.
S. S. Training Course.
S. S. Convention, Brookhaven, 28, 29.
W. M. U. Convention, Meridian, 7-9.
Now Club Emphasis.
Associational Evangelism.
Vacation Bible Schools.
Christian Literature and Church Libraries.
Fellowship Offering.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

JULY 1942

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Evangelism—Brush Arbor, Schoolhouse, and Church.
Cooperative Program Causes.
Now Club Emphasis.
Vacation Bible School.
B. T. U. District Conventions.
Intermediate House Party, 15-18.
Y. W. A. Camp, 20-24.
Baptist Bible Institute.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

AUGUST 1942

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Evangelism—Soul Winning.
Now Club Emphasis.
Cooperative Program Support.
Vacation Bible School.
Southwestern Theological Seminary.
Sunbeam Focus Week, 9-14.
Tithe and Offerings According to Scriptures.

NOVEMBER 1942

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Evangelism.
Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, 17-19...
Cooperative Program.
Now Club Roundup.
B. T. U. Convention, 25-27.
W. M. U. Association Clinics, 2-13.
R. A. Focus Week, 8-13.
Budget—Every Member Canvass.
Plan 1943 Church Program.
Thanksgiving Orphanage Offering.
State Papers and Missionary Magazines.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

DECEMBER 1942

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Evangelism.
Christmas Program.
Lottie Moon—Foreign Mission Offering, Nov. 30-Dec. 4.
Complete Every Member Canvass.
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
Tithe and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Note: Get Ready for the Great State-Wide Evangelistic Campaign in 1943.

A SOUTHERN SINGING SCHOOL

I sat on my porch awaiting the twilight hour,
Tree tops o'erhead formed a cool, green, leafy
bower.

I heard a note of a bird so true, so rare,
It seemed a part of the cool, ambient air.
Quickly I looked to see from whence it came—
This note so rare no musician could name.
I saw a mocking bird, master musician of the
spring,
I loved him because he had stopped so near to me
to sing.

That note again from that most marvelous bird,
I looked up, listening eagerly—and then I heard
Another note, so low, and yet so pure and clear,
Nothing so sweet had ever reached my ear.
On a lower larger limber I saw that tiny bird—
Tiny, downy thing—I thanked my God for having
seen and heard.
My nature-loving soul was thrilled with ecstasy,
My thoughts began to move in wordless rhapsody.

Half-hidden among the leaves in air so cool,
God's musician was teaching a singing school,
And God had let me see behind the curtain of the
spring
And hear His fine musician teach his little son to
sing.

O, Essence of God's spring, I drink you rapturously!
Lifting my heart in measureless ecstasy!
Arranged by Nature's God—a holy scene—
God's mocking bird teaching his little son to sing.
—TESSA WILLINGHAM RODDEY.

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All of the field workers from your offices greatly
prefer the pastor to join in all invitations for work
on the local fields. Certainly no one would know-
ingly go if they thought the pastor opposed to the
services.

The Calvary Church, Warren County, requested
the Clinton church to examine Brother Glynn
Miller preparatory to ordaining him to the full
work of the ministry. A committee composed of
Brethren: H. A. Hunderup, Jr., J. G. Miller, How-
ard E. Spell, P. I. Lipsey, Tom Douglas, W. S. Lan-
drum, Leroy Boland, J. R. Hitt, James L. Sullivan,
Glynn Miller, D. A. McCall, examined him. He
gave clear statement as to his beliefs. Your sec-
retary had the privilege of preaching the ordina-
tion sermon and Billy Watson led the prayer. The
church house was filled with an appreciative audi-
ence. They have meant much to young preachers.

Good fellowship was enjoyed in a luncheon with
the Pastors of Hinds-Warren Association. Present
were: Owen Williams, W. A. Hewitt, J. L. Sullivan,
S. A. Johnston, J. S. Deaton, Theo Whitfield, Percy
Cooper, D. A. McCall, Roe Wilson, Claude Bowen,
W. F. Daniel, Jr., H. B. Benson and R. L. Wallace.
Other pastors were detained.

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(66) The Committee on Committees made final
report and named the following committees:

(1) On Foundation: O. B. Taylor, Jackson, W. N.
Taylor, Jackson, D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Greek
Rice, Jackson, J. P. Kirkland, New Albany, R. M.
Ross, Hattiesburg, W. W. James, Newton, C. J.
Olander, Morgan City, and J. D. Davis, Greenville.

(2) The Convention Committee on the Woman's
College adjustment matter: Norman W. Cox,
Meridian, J. M. Metts, Pickens, and R. L. Wallace,
Raymond.

(67) A. B. Pierce introduced the following resolu-
tion which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that we express our appreciation to
the pastors and members of the Baptist churches
of Meridian for the splendid way every need of
the Convention has been met;

(2) That our gratitude be extended to the press
and radio for their generous publicity of our Con-
vention;

(3) That the Secretary be allowed his usual fee
for services rendered;

(4) That we vote an expression of our gratitude
to God for His favor upon our work and that we
pray for a continuance of His blessings.

(68) There being no further business the Con-
vention finally adjourned.

R. B. GUNTER, President,
WALTON E. LEE, Secretary.

HOLLANDALE OUT OF DEBT

December 5th was a big day for Hollandale Bap-
tist church. At a banquet in the church, the ladies
served turkey, and the men and many of the wo-
men opened their purses and drew out money un-
til the church debt of \$2,035.00 was all paid. The
pastor, J. B. Smith, was asked to act as master of
ceremonies, and to raise the money. Gifts of two
hundred, one-fifty, and one hundred dollars and
on down to five dollars came rolling in rapidly.
When gifts were counted, only \$65.00 was needed,
and a large tray was passed down the tables, and
all who desired to do so could place in it a \$1.00
bill. The tray was soon filled with greenback, and
the debt was fully paid. The church will be dedi-
cated in the near future.

The building is a nice structure, made of brick,
and cost \$35,000.00.

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The following is sent parents of service men at-
tending the church mentioned:

Biloxi, Miss.

Dear Friends:

We were glad to have your son — in our
Sunday School class and other church services
Sunday.

We assure you that we count it a privilege to
have him with us. We trust that he will attend
our services regularly, and that we may be of some
service to him.

Sincerely,

G. C. HODGE, Pastor,
First Baptist Church.

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(59) In the matter of the adjustment of the
difference between the Trustees of Woman's Col-
lege and the Education Commission on motion,
which prevailed, the matter is ordered to be re-
considered.

In the reconsideration the following motion by
F. M. Purser was adopted.

Moved that a Committee of nine be appointed
by this Convention, to be composed of: three mem-
bers from the Board of Trustees of Woman's Col-
lege, selected by that Board, and three members
from the Convention at large to be selected by the
Committee on Committees; this Committee of Nine
to elect its own chairman; and this Committee to
be authorized by the Convention finally to settle
the matters in dispute about interest charges be-
tween the Education Commission and the Board of
Trustees of Woman's College.

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Other receipt totals for last year are: Baptist
Orphanage \$46,882.04; Baptist Record \$24,008.65,
and, Ministerial Education \$11,635.85.

The congregation packed the Dixon Baptist
Church for an evening service. It was good to see
the folks again. Thanks to Pastor Corder and the
church.

The Clarion-Ledger has been sponsoring a con-
structive program for farmers and home-makers
in the "Acres of Independence" emphasis.

Despite torrents of rain a fine group assembled
at Parkway, Jackson, for an Adult Banquet. Pas-
tor Bell and all his folks were happy. This is a
growing church. A delicious banquet meal was
served. Entertainment was good. Miss Sandlin,
Miss Madison, Mr. Williams and your Secretary.

Friends will regret to know that Pastor R. K.
Corder has been called to the bedside of his
mother who is critically ill.

When this is read we will have elected an editor
for The Baptist Record. A saved man, therefore,
a safe man! A man having received God's love,
so, a lover of men—all men! A studious man, in-
spiring others to study. A consecrated man chal-
lenging us to spirituality. A man playing the game
"according to the rules" therefore, making it easy
for all others to play the game with him. A man
who will say, "Come on! Let's go!"

Some brethren have felt 1941 would be the best
year for the Now Club. We do not feel that way.
First Church, Laurel, Canton, Pascagoula, Crystal
Springs, Natchez, and other strong churches put
the Now Club in the budget for 1942. Dr. Norman
Cox says, "When the shouting is over you will find
that our great church has done her full part by
the Now Club." Again, Mississippi Baptists are on
the march!

A LAYMAN SPEAKS

Some thoughtful comments by a layman on the
matters of money in the churches and in religious
work commend themselves to our serious consid-
eration. Laymen have always been helpful in mat-
ters of the Lord's business. We appreciate the fol-
lowing suggestions and warnings:

"This money comes in large part from the
pockets of the laymen. Is it fair to keep rais-
ing the 'askings' without giving evidence of
honest and businesslike attention to seeing
that every dollar expended secures one hun-
dred cents' worth of value?

"Successful business enterprises keep their
administrative expenses down to actual needs
based upon the changing conditions of the
commercial world. Should the church expect
to operate its business affairs in a changing
world as though it is in no way affected by
these vast changes?

"On all sides we are being told that follow-
ing the present inflationary period we shall
face what in all probabilities will be the worst
economic conditions this country has ever ex-
perienced. If this is true, and judging the fu-
ture by the past, there is ample reason to be-
lieve it is all too true, then why should not the
church start now to trim its sails for the com-
ing storm? To reduce unnecessary adminis-
trative expenditures would be one very good
way to prepare for the day when money will
not be as plentiful as it is today."

Efficient methods in handling the business of the
Lord receive commendation at His hand. He blesses
the churches and the denominational groups who
administer carefully the funds given. People who
give do it as a part of their worship of God, and
such money is sacred. Every thought in the
handling of funds is in the light of such truths.

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Sherman has recently called Rev. A. B. Harrison
as pastor. He and his wife are on the field.
Brother Harrison comes from Rosedale.

F. V. McFatridge of Plantersville, supplied for
Calvary Church, Tupelo, both services on the fifth
Sunday.

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BALANCING THE LEDGER WITH GOD
(Continued from Page 11)

And my willful feet went a crooked way.

"While the dear Lord grieved, with His work un-
done,

For lack of a willing heart!
Only through men does He speak to me?
But must he be apart?

I do not know but I wish today,
I had let the Lord Christ have His way."

III. THE SECOND NIGHT.

The prophet said, "The morning cometh and
also the night."

I do not know what this second night means in
this passage of scripture. But I do know that
there is a horrible second night for those who will
not heed the watchman's warning: "They shall
be taken away in their iniquity." John 3:36 says,
"The wrath of God abideth on them." Prov. 1:23-
31 says that the one who is called, persuaded, but
turns a deaf ear will come to the time when he
shall call but no one shall answer. He shall eat of
the fruit of his own way and be filled with his
own devices. Rom. 1:28 says that those who do
not wish to retain God in their knowledge shall
be given up to a reprobate mind.

Rev. 20:15 says, "If any was not found written
in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of
fire." This is the second death.

"But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abom-
nable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sor-
cerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall
be in the lake that burneth with fire and brim-
stone; which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

Shall we as God's watchmen allow them to come
to that second death without giving them warn-
ing? Can we hold in our purses money that would
send thousands of missionaries to those darkened
lands and refuse to give it?
Is my ledger balanced?

FEAR THY NOT . . . FOR I AM THY GOD

George W. Sadler, Secretary, for Africa,
Europe and the Near East
Foreign Mission Board

The words of the ancient prophet come to us with fresh force and effectiveness. By them we are fortified and reassured. Having found in them strength, we commend them to the relatives and friends of the missionaries about whose well-being we are all solicitors: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; ye, I will help thee; ye, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Soon after the dreadful news of the attack on Hawaii reached us we established contact with the State Department by telephone and telegraph. Congressman A. Willis Robertson has already used his good offices in our behalf and Mr. George Atchison of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs will doubtless do what he can for us. Through these two channels especially, we expect to receive whatever information there may be about Dr. Maddry and Dr. Rankin and the missionaries of the Far East. Whenever information is available, we shall forward it to the friends and relatives of the missionaries.

Dr. Maddry arrived in Honolulu on December 4. He had planned to leave by the Clipper on the 9th. When plane service was suspended, he booked passage on a steamer which was scheduled to sail on the 13th. No word has been received from him since the outbreak of hostilities. That he and our missionaries on the island are safe we are reasonably certain but when he will be able to return we cannot say.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the Orient, had planned to leave Hong Kong for Canton on December 6. Miss Ruth Ford, who had just returned to the Orient, was scheduled to go on the same boat. We have not heard whether it was possible for them to execute their plans.

In addition to Dr. Rankin there are 102 missionaries in the Orient, eight of these being in the Philippines and one in Japan. Fifteen of our representatives are at work in the new Hawaiian mission.

What of the Future?

No one can say what the future holds for us. One who is high in the affairs of State writes: "In my opinion, our nation faces the greatest peril in its history but I trust it will be but a challenge to the best that is in us. The present prospects are for a long war, a costly war, and a dangerous war."

The Present, Our Concern

The Foreign Mission Board is responsible for 467 active missionaries; the great majority of whom are at their posts. In every major division of the of the Board's sphere of activity, save one, our representatives were functioning effectively until the dastardly deed was done on December 7. These missionaries are our pride and joy and of course Southern Baptists will continue to support them with their prayers and their material substance.

Additional Burden

Southern Baptists gave nearly \$200,000.00 to help our British brethren in 1940. During that year and the current year they gave large amounts for European and Chinese relief, but now that total war has come, the size of our burden has increased. We must hear and heed the piteous pleas for help that go up from the starving multitudes in Europe and China.

Dr. John Lowe Speaks

Dr. Lowe spent many years in China as a missionary of Southern Baptists. No one among us has put more of himself into any enterprise than Dr. Lowe has put into meeting the physical and spiritual needs of his beloved adopted land. He writes of "The sad plight of our missionaries. In these times of war several of our mission stations are 'manned' by women only. Mrs. Bengtson is carrying on alone in Spain. Thousands of her adopted people are facing death from cold and famine. Miss Reba Stewart, our only remaining missionary in Manchuria is alone in Harbin. Since the tragic death of our beloved Phil White at Kweichow, Honan province, we have seven defenseless women missionaries in our interior China Mission. The mention of their names will call forth a prayer for their safety: Misses Attie Bostick, Clifford Barratt, Katie Murray, Grace Stribling,

Addie Cox, Josephine Hard and Mrs. Eugene Sallee. Other stations in China are 'manned' by single women. Even in times of peace this is not considered safe; and it is certainly hazardous in time of war. The peril of these faithful workers at such times as this cannot be denied.

"We need to remind ourselves daily that our missionaries in Japanese-occupied territory in China are now practically prisoners of the army of invasion. These faithful witnesses for Christ have suffered physical and mental abuses indescribable, in detail, yet they stand their ground, refusing to quit their fields lest the Christians suffer greater indignities from the enemy. Our beloved co-workers must not be allowed to feel and say with the Apostle Paul when in a Roman prison, 'All have deserted me.' Such an unthinkable attitude on our part would be disastrous to us spiritually.

The Sad Plight of Persecuted Christians

"The Communists in Russia have torn Baptist pastors from their families in Poland and banished them to concentration camps in Russia to freeze and starve during the cold winters of Siberia.

"The members of our thirty self-supporting Baptist churches in Korea are suffering along with thousands of other Christians in that distressed land.

"The Chinese people, and especially the Christians, have by their behavior in tribulation and persecution, gained the unstinted admiration and praise of the whole world.

"The persecution and liquidation of our Chinese leaders by Japanese methods, similar to those of Hitler, now prevail in Japanese-occupied territory. Recently Hitler compelled 1,000 Jews to dig a trench, and sitting on the margin they were ruthlessly slain! In China the Japanese are forcing the Christians to dig their own graves, into which they are bludgeoned and buried dead or alive!

"The influence of these Chinese Christians is out of all proportion to their numbers. Dr. J. H. Franklin said in a recent address: 'Though there is but one Christian to one thousand of the population of China, there are more outstanding leaders among these five hundred thousand Christians than in any similar group anywhere else in the world. One half of the names in *Who is Who* in China are from eighteen Christian colleges and universities.

The Orphans ('Warphans')

"This is a heartening message from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, who says: 'I am putting my heart into the movement to save millions of our homeless children. There are some six hundred women co-operating with me in this effort.' This First Lady of China also says: 'While millions of people are moving westward, little children, no longer able to keep up with the procession, may be heard crying after their parents, "Please, daddy, mommy, don't leave me, I won't cry any more."' Some three thousand 'warphans' have already been adopted into homes in the West. There are an estimated fifty million women and children in the coastal provinces who are homeless and defenseless. They face death from cold and hunger during the winter now upon them. Winter and want won't wait. One dollar will exchange into twenty and will save a boy or girl one month. Something should be done about it now. Please do not forget that we have supplies for only one in ten.

Vast Multitudes of Refugees

"The government, the schools, the students, and some forty million people are now refugees. There has never been such a migration of people anywhere at any time. In addition to these millions of sufferers there are sixty million in the coastal provinces who are homeless and foodless. Of this vast aggregate of suffering humanity some fifty million are women and children. When mothers follow carts loaded with flour in order to sweep enough flour from the outside of the bags to make a cake for their children who are slowly dying of starvation, something must be done about it immediately. And what about the mothers far removed from the dusty bags of flour?

Silent Witnesses for Christ and His Church

"In many lands our churches have been destroyed or the doors locked by order of the enemy. In Jerusalem and other cities as in China our Christians may be seen standing with bowed heads before the locked doors of their churches praying to our heavenly Father who knows and cares and will hear their silent petitions for deliverance.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

The spirit of giving takes the form of Santa Claus, one of the best beloved mythical characters of the world.

The spirit of giving takes a much higher form in John 3:16 and II Cor. 9:15.

Horsepower is compressed within the steel jacket of a mighty monster of iron throbbing with energy and panting with power.

Divine Power is contained within the body of a baby who grows to manhood in one of the smallest countries of the world. "All power is given unto me both in heaven and in the earth."

The life of the mighty oak lies inside the shell of the tiny acorn.

The life of God Almighty takes the form of a servant.

This world has been thrilled and shocked, blessed and cursed, by men who have achieved and climbed.

But, who other than loved ones paid attention the night an Edison was born; or, a Washington; a Charlemagne, a Napoleon, or a Hitler.

God our Father, startled a world, and started Heaven to singing when the Christ Child was born. That night an angel preached the Gospel.

Luke 8-15

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2: 8-14.

That night Heaven's multitude shouted His praises. That night shepherds were strangely moved. That night wise men were marvelously led. Earth has been singing since!

"Silent night, ho-ly night,
Dark-ness flies, all is light;
Shepherds hear the an-gels sing
Al-le-lu-ia! hail the King!
Christ the Sav-iour is born, Christ
Christ the Sav-iour is born."

Oh lit-tle town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The si-lent stars go by
Yet in thy dark street shin-eth
The ev-er-last-ing light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

BETHLEHEM:

Little girl: "Mummy, we have a present for daddy, a present for mother, a present for sister. But, this is Jesus' birthday. Don't we have one for Him?"

An important message for us is that "we have the mind of Christ"—that we follow His example. The Christmas message is that of self-renunciation. Let us lay aside self and put on Christ.

Let us live as He lived; let us talk as He talked; let us think as He thought; let us do as He did.

"Others Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be
Help me to live for others
That I may live like Thee."

Others may be seen worshiping God within the charred walls of their churches. Our missionaries in China report that the Christians have never missed a single service, although their churches are in ruins. I shall never forget the thrill this writer received as he looked at Dr. Humphrey's pictures of the Christians worshiping amid the ruined walls of our Baptist church in Chingkiang, China. That is where Bun Olive and Miss Grace Wells are so heroically giving relief to multitudes of starving people, and giving the Bread of Life to thousands. Our Saviour's command, 'Give ye them to eat,' was not spoken of physical bread alone. Let us do something about it NOW."

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
JOHN A. FARMER, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elem. Sec.

CHRISTMAS

In coming to another Christmas season we want to wish one and all a Christmas that is happy, Christlike, and entirely satisfying in the finest and best things of life. May the God of all grace bless each and all with his blessings so that we shall think more earnestly of him whose birthday it is. He has been so good to us this year that the Christmas season should be one of praise and thanksgiving for his abundant mercies to us.

Then, too, let us pray daily and earnestly for those of our own people, and also others, who are not enjoying the fellowship of loved ones at home because of the war that is abroad in the world. Many are this year spending their first Christmas away from home, not because they necessarily chose it, but because they have answered the call of their country to fight the battles of liberty and freedom.

And in all this happy Christmas season may we not forget that it is Christ's birthday we are celebrating, and it is always the right and proper thing to honor the one whose birthday it is. As a rule he gets nothing then and others get much. How would we feel if people should celebrate our birthday and give gifts to each other and nothing to us. That is frequently what happens to Jesus on his birthday.

To one and all, a Merry and Happy Christmas Season.

To Elementary Workers

The state Elementary Sunday school secretary sends this Christmas message to all Elementary Sunday school workers in Mississippi:

"May you who so devotedly
Serve God from day to day
Find more contentment in your life
Than words can ever say;
And may He, at this holy time,
Smile on you from above
And grant you peace unchanging
In His service and His love."

STANDARD FIRST

As has been the custom for the past several years, the Primary department at Philadelphia is the first department to become standard for the new Sunday school year. Mrs. T. K. Walton is superintendent of this fine department. Who will be next?

The Boys' Cadet Corps Junior class at Liberty has joined the ranks of standard Junior classes. Congratulations to these boys and their teacher, Mrs. John G. Wilson.

V. B. S. FACTS AND FIGURES

Our Vacation Bible school season is over, the reports are all in, except possibly a few not yet heard from, and there was a 28 percent increase over 1940, which is certainly not at all bad when we consider that last year we had 334 schools. The number of schools this year at this writing (December 11) is 428. We are indeed glad to give you these facts about our 1941 schools, and asking that you keep in mind that many schools sent in a very incomplete report so far as facts

and figures about the school are concerned.

The total enrollment was 29,910; average enrollment per school, 71; total attendance average, 23,144; average attendance per school, 57; cost of schools, 259 reporting on this item), \$3,664.01; average cost per school, \$14.15; mission offering from 159 schools, \$726.10; conversions (84 schools reporting), 412.

Thirteen schools had enrollment of less than 20, 156 schools had enrollment between 20-40; 173 schools had enrollment between 50-99; 53 schools had enrollment between 100-149; 20 schools had enrollment between 150-200; 8 schools (Hattiesburg First, Highland Meridian, Parkway, Jackson; Picayune First, Poplarville, Griffith Memorial Jackson, Ripley, and Columbus First) had enrollment between 200-249; 5 schools (Tupelo First, West Laurel, Calvary Jackson, New Albany, and Davis Memorial Jackson) had enrollment between 250-299; and one church (Jackson First) had an enrollment of 411, which was easily the largest in the state.

Note: 342 of the schools had an enrollment of less than 100, which certainly proves most conclusively that it is a great program for the small church as well as the larger ones. Practically 80 per cent of all the schools had less than 100 enrolled.

The leading associations, with the number of schools in each, are: Tip-pah, 10; Lauderdale, 11; Leake, 11; Calhoun, 12; Rankin, 12; Lawrence, 13; Smith, 14; Jones, 16; Deer Creek, 17; Lincoln, 18; Hinds-Warren, 20.

For our first time we had at least one report from each association in the state. If we could get six more reports it would give us an even 100 increase over last year, and the Nashville office is asking if we cannot get up that many more. Well, we can't unless someone sends them in. If your school has not yet been reported, it is not too late, and we urge you to get it to us at once.

To all who helped in making possible this great record in the Vacation Bible school program for 1941, we thank you most sincerely and feel sure that the blessings coming from them were indeed many.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The week of January 19-23, 1942, will be the time for the one-day meeting in each association in the state in the interest of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work for next year.

The Sunday School Board, the state Sunday School Department, and many of the workers in our state will make up the fourteen teams of three members each that will cover the state that week. It should be a great week. Hundreds of our pastors, superintendents, teachers, department and class officers, associational officers and others will attend these meetings. We want every school in the entire state to make definite plans for attending these meetings. The complete program will be sent out in ample time to the leaders in every church.

TRAINING UNION MET WITH GOODYEAR BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pearl River County Association-al Training Union met with the Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune, on Thursday, Dec. 4, beginning at 6 p.m. It was the best meeting of its kind ever held in the county. The program was well planned and was put over in a great way. There were 200 present from over the county and they were most enthusiastic about the meeting.

M. E. Brooks, County Director, has been working hard to get the work going. He was elected at the Associational meeting this fall and this was the first program under his leadership. The other officers were elected at this meeting. Brother Brooks deserves much credit for the way the work is going under his leadership. He is a member of the Goodyear Church.

At the next quarterly meeting which will be held in February, Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary, will be present for a part on the program.

The other officers of the organization and the churches they are from are listed below:

Associate Director: Carl Strahan, First Church, Picayune.

Secretary and Treasurer: Hilda Mitchell, Roseland Park.

Chorister: Austin Kirkland, West Union.

Pianist: Vonceil Stewart, First Church, Picayune.

Pastor Advisor: J. D. Griffin, Goodyear.

Adult Leader: Mrs. Otis D. Ashworth, Juniper Grove.

Young People's Leader: H. P. Powell, Carriere.

Intermediate Leader: Onnie L. Stanford, Spring Hill.

Junior Leader: Mrs. Curtiss Smith, Juniper Grove.

Story Hour Leader: Mrs. Elsie Langford, First Church, Picayune.

A. C. Runnells, an outstanding layman of the Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune, has been elected President of the Goodyear Baptist Brotherhood. His election to this post shows with what high regard his fellow workers hold him. He is a very active worker in all the activities of the church. The Brotherhood is expected to grow under his leadership. A weekly extension prayer meeting is held by the Brotherhood. This prayer meeting goes from home to home and is for the purpose of helping to build Christian homes and to link them more closely to the church.

Until recently a Saturday evening preaching service was also sponsored. It has been temporarily suspended because of bad weather. The pastor,

Rev. J. D. Griffin, has been doing the preaching. The Brotherhood purchased a loudspeaker for these services. Many services for the negroes are also carried on.

The Brotherhood has at present a membership of 40. At the last Associational meeting at Juniper Grove 32 men went from the local Brotherhood. Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, Southwide Secretary, spoke at this meeting.

During the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Griffin, from the Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune, on Sunday morning, Nov. 30, Brother Audith Davis, a student at the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, filled the pulpit. The pastor was away for a funeral at Johnston Station.

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FORESTRY NOTE

William—How many kinds of wood are used in making a match?

Sarah—Two kinds—he would and she would.—Mrs. Franklin Sisco, Tennessee, in Progressive Farmer.

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It was Jack's first day at school. Upon his return home, his father asked, "Well, Son, what did you learn today?"

"I didn't learn anything in the schoolhouse, but at recess I learned a little boy to stay off me."—Mrs. Lewis Hatten, Mississippi, in Progressive Farmer.

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"Now children, can anyone tell me the meaning of 'unaware'?"

A tiny hand waved frantically in the air.

"Please, ma'am, unaware is what you put on first and take off last."

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Sunday School Lesson

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BRIEF STUDY CONCERNING THE SON OF GOD

Bible Texts: Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; John 1:1-18; I John 4:9-14

Introduction.

This is a lesson on the biggest subject that has ever engaged the mind of man. The committee named the lesson, "The Coming of God's Son," but the discussion cannot approach completion if kept within the limits of one lesson. The most we can do is to select a few of the many passages of scripture which set forth this great subject and write a few running remarks upon them, and seek to draw for our own nurture and encouragement.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT. Gen. 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; Micah 5:2.

1. His Humanity. Gen. 3:15.

He was promised as the woman's seed. He was to be one like her who was in transgression. She had sinned: her deliverer was to be one made in the likeness of sinful flesh. So to all the sons of Adam's sinful race, He was to be brother in blood.

The weakest and most sinful of all our race may look to Him as kinsman and willing redeemer.

2. His Diety. Isaiah 7:14.

This brother in blood of the weak and sinful slaves of Satan is God. And He is God not only, but God brought nigh to those who need Him. His name above all names shall stand, "Immanuel," a name which means, "God with us." Think of it, He comes to us in our own likeness, a man who experiences the weaknesses and temptations, the hunger and weariness, the burning thirst and awful loneliness that by turn and all together sometimes afflict us. In His coming to us, there is the coming of God to us. He is God come down to us, as low down to us as we are low down in despair, in wretchedness and woe.

3. His Name as Index of His Nature. Isaiah 9:6, 7.

Open your Bible at this passage and read the list of His names there again and again. "Wonderful." His name in all things is wonderful. The love that sent Him was wonderful. His words, His works, His whole life, His death, His resurrection, His love, His gentleness, His humility, all wonderful; so His name is well called "Wonderful." "Counselor," and how well appropriate that title! He alone can discern the absolute right, and He alone can give the absolutely correct counsel. Look to Him as the best advisor in all of life's times of testing. "Mighty God." This name in the original means, "Here God," the triumphant, the valiant and victorious, with Whom resides all authority to wield all power in heaven and on earth.

Five minutes ago I was on my knees. An old preacher had called me here away in the night to say that his old wife is very sick, and is growing worse. He had called me this morning, and I had prayed for this good old woman, and had led a company of other people to pray for her. A few minutes ago, the dear old husband called me to say that the wife is worse, and to ask me to pray for

her tonight. I have asked in the name of the "Mighty God," that mercy may be shown this dear old preacher and his sick wife. The Mighty God is our refuge in Whom there is deliverance according to His righteous will.

"Everlasting Father." Father of eternity, father as creative agent of everything that is. "Prince of Peace." He alone gives peace to men and nations of men. There will be peace to the righteous, to those who get right with God, and to them only. This peace will not necessarily mean tranquility, but it will mean oneness of spirit and work and purpose with God.

His name shall enjoy increase of prominence in the history of the world. His counsel shall increasingly sway the plans of men. In the midst of this terrible war, His name is bulking ever larger.

4. His Birthplace. Micah 5:2.

His very birthplace was planned in the wisdom of God. Thousands of other children have been born there, but the birth of this One has affected the entire world. By this prophecy, uttered many years before the birth of the Lord, we may identify Him as the promised one for whom all the prophets were looking.

II. ADVENT. John 1:1-18.

This passage speaks of accomplishment, of partial fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Redeemer. This passage from the first chapter of John expresses the profoundest thought with which my mind has ever grappled. Take your Bible and read this passage, not once, but many times, and note:

1. Deity. v. 1-3.

"In the beginning was," already was when time began. He was from all eternity. He was before all worlds, and He Who was before all worlds, Who was before all time, can be none else than God.

2. Ministry Before Time Began. v. 4-9.

Read these verses again. You should have an American Revised Version of the Bible. The Authorized or King James Version, is faulty here. John says "All things were made through Him," not "by Him." John is trying to tell us that, though "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" that this creation was accomplished through the agency of the Word, before the Word was made a man, or rather, before the Word became a man. Through Him was all made. And He is the life of all that lives, the source from which all streams of life flow, have flowed since first there was any life anywhere. He is the light of the world, has always been: is a light which the darkness does not get, does not comprehend, does not understand, maybe it means a light which the darkness is unable to extinguish.

3. Incarnation. v. 14.

This Word, this source of life, this source of light, the light of conscience, if you wish, the light of the consciousness of God, this became flesh, became a human being, became a babe in the womb of a virgin, became a brother of mankind, became the Son of Man. Run this truth out in all its precious implications of comfort to your life.

4. Exhibition. vs. 14-18.

This incarnate God, this Son of God, Son of Mary, Son of Man, gave an explanation, an exegesis, an exposition of God. He came that we might know what God is. And because He is the God of Grace and of

MISSISSIPPI INDIAN NAMES

By Hendon M. Harris

From the bay of warm Biloxi all the way to Tennessee,
From the mighty rolling river to the winding Tombigbee,
Mississippi, Mississippi is a name mean's home to me.

Oh, the name of Mississippi's like a gentle maiden's sigh;
Like a wandering zephyr's whisper; like a mother's lullaby.
Many names in Mississippi, from Iuka to the sea
Melt the heart to softest music with their Indian melody:

Okolona, Nitta Yuma, Hushpuckena, Yokena,
Pelahatchie, Estabutchie, Itta Bena, Tunica,
Yokahockany, Tishomingo, Noxubee, Hatchieballoo,
Toccopola, Coahoma, Wahalak and Tougaloo,
Itawamba, Chulahoma, Issaquena, Pontotoc,
Homochitto, Yalobusha, Pascagoula, Shuqualak.

Never heard of Bucatunna, never seen the broad Yazoo?
Then you still have something lacking tho' your name be in Who's Who.
Though you dwell in marble mansions, yet the spirit's clothed in patches
If "Tallahatchie" stirs no heart-throb, if you've never been in Natchez.

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From the mighty rolling river, to the winding Tombigbee—
Mississippi, Mississippi is a name mean's home to me.

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Baptist Brotherhood of South		\$ 7,500.00
Education Commission SBC		2,400.00
Southern Baptist Convention Bonds		60,004.46
Foreign Mission Board	\$100,929.88	994,255.06
Home Mission Board	47,933.87	582,874.39
Relief and Annuity Board	16,268.34	129,805.89
Southern Baptist Hospital	3,821.79	29,035.24
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	11,798.19	94,008.65
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	15,522.47	114,612.80
Baptist Bible Institute	10,086.48	79,858.65
WMU (Training School and Designated)	872.55	6,551.25
American Baptist Theological Seminary	1,839.03	12,058.88
TOTAL	\$209,072.60	\$2,112,965.27

The King's Business is a big business, and Southern Baptists (Mississippi Baptists helping) are in it in a big way.

OTHERS

Lord help me live from day to day,
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer will be for—
OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do,
To ever be sincere and true.
And know that all I do for you,
Must needs be done for—
OTHERS.

Let "self" be crucified and slain,
And buried deep: and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for—
OTHERS.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of—
OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes others
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for others
That I may live like Thee.
—Meigs.

Truth, He brought those virtues into the world and gave them play and power. "We have all received of His fullness, and grace for grace." The fullness of God was in Him, it was in Him that men might have access to it, it is in Him that all men may have access to it, it is in Him that the needy may find the very grace he needs at any time—living grace one day, grace to suffer the next day, dying grace when the time comes to go to Him.

III. ASSURANCE. I John 4:9-11.

Read this passage. It is clearer than anything I can say about it. Want to know whether God loves you? See what He did to prove His love! Verse 11 sets forth the practical duty in view of God's love for us.

A NEW TESTAMENT EVERY MEMBER CANVASS II Corinthians 8 and 9

By Rev. L. B. Cobb, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

I. Attitude of the Canvassed—Ch. 8
a. Liberal, despite poverty—vs. 2, 4
b. Dedication of personality and purse—vs. 5, 6.
c. Spiritual virtues include giving—v. 7.
d. Giving tests love's sincerity—vs. 8.

II. Attitude of the Canvassers—Ch. 8
a. Titus divinely inspired—v. 16.
b. Titus zealously volunteered—v. 17.
c. Titus enjoyed mutually minded partners—vs. 18, 23.

III. Attitude of the Preacher—Ch. 9
a. Paul had personal confidence in the church—v. 1.
b. Paul knew the fine art of commendation. v. 2.
c. Paul majored on mass strategy—v. 3.
d. Paul precluded any embarrassment—v. 4.
e. Paul evaluated personal leadership—v. 5.
f. Paul warns and exhorts jointly—v. 6.
g. Paul relied on God's justice—v. 8.
h. Paul illustrated spiritual reciprocity—vv. 9-12.
i. Paul crystallized spiritual influence—v. 13.
k. Paul provokes brotherly love in prayer—v. 14.
l. Paul was thankful for God's gift—v. 15.

—BR—

THREE KINDS OF CHRISTIANS

1. Rowboat Christians—have to be pushed wherever they go.
2. Sailboat Christians—always go with the wind.

Steamboat Christians—make up their minds where they ought to go and go there, regardless of wind and weather.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It is Christmas again, and we do humbly bow our heads in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Christ who makes Christmas possible. The blessedness of having a perfect Savior, the Son of a perfect God, our Heavenly Father is enough to make everyone sing the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." "What a wonderful Savior He is, giving to all who call upon Him those things that are best and necessary. We have had a good year, crowned with blessings on every side. We have shared in blessings of renewed opportunities in service. Every department of our denominational work has been blessed with success: You, each one of you, have had a part in this general march of progress, and as we approach this day of all days, we wish for each one of you, our friends, the nearness of the Lord so that the day may bring to you the choicest happiness, even joy, and may your resolution for the new year be that He shall be your constant companion, and that you may hear His word as he shall direct. We covet your prayers in these coming, uncertain days.

Lexington Has Training School

The Lexington church had a Training Union Training School the week of November 30-December 5 with an all outside faculty. Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg, taught the Juniors, Mrs. Taylor Howard of Water Valley taught the Intermediates, Miss Electra Warren of Jackson taught the Young People, and Aubert J. Wilds, State Training Union Secretary, taught the Adults. The leaders of each union were in the class with their members, thus working together with them on new plans for the Union. Dr. Judson Chestain, the pastor, had everything in readiness. Mr. W. J. Bilbro, the Director, was right on the job, and to all it seemed that the week was well spent with helpful results. Two class periods with an intermission was the plan, and during the intermission the intergraded service was demonstrated. This plan of closing assembly for the Training Union went into effect Sunday night Dec. 7th. It was a joy to be associated with these good people, and especially did we enjoy the fellowship with Dr. J. G. Chastain, for long-time Missionary to Mexico. On December 18th he was 88, but his spirit is that of a young man, and God is blessing him with good health and continued opportunities for fruitful service. He goes forty miles every third Sunday to preach to a group of Mexicans in the delta, and every Saturday finds him with his Bible and a good message for the negroes in Lexington. He is a benediction to the community. We thank God on every remembrance of him.

213 PASTORS

A recent check shows that we had 213 pastors to attend the Association-Rallies held the last week in Octo-

ber. This is about a third of our active pastors, and we think that is a mighty good record, especially when we consider the fact that many pastors live great distances from their churches. Please check this last week in October 1942 and remember we will be holding a rally in your association one day that week. Pastors, be with us. If you can't attend the meeting in the association where your churches are, attend the one in the association in which you live. These meetings, are reported from all over the state as being most helpful. We will try to make them even better next time. We issued 665 Training Union Course Awards in November, and organized 26 unions, that is we furnished literature to 26 newly organized unions, there were probably others organized that did not ask for free literature for the first quarter. Represented in the 26 were 3-Story Hours, 6 Junior Unions, 5 Intermediate Unions, 8 Young People's Unions, 4 Adult Unions.

CHOCTAW ELECTS OFFICERS AND CHANGES TIME OF MEETING

Choctaw has been having its associational meetings on Fifth Sunday nights. While this has proved successful in many ways, with a good attendance each time, it worked a hardship on all unions, for they could not have their regular programs that night. At the last meeting the time was changed to Fifth Sunday afternoons. This will be better for all concerned. New officers for the year ahead are, Director, Mrs. Mabel Fultz; Association Director, Mr. Myron Graves; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Lummus; Chorister, Mr. Fulton; Pianist, Miss Zaleen Kitchens, Pastor Advisor, Rev. J. W. Kitchens; Department Leaders: Adults, Mrs. Fred Keen; Young People, Rev. J. B. Laney; Intermediate, Mrs. C. W. Burrage; Junior, Mrs. Lester Blaine; Story Hour, Mrs. Tom Files. It was a great occasion for the Fellowship church when at the last meeting they took the honors for attendance. They had 60 percent of the 100, enrolled in their Training Union, coming for quite a distance made it the more noteworthy.

Are you planning a Watch Night for Wednesday night December 31st?

—BR—

CHURCH SCANDAL

Walden, Mass.—The ushers of the Maplewood Methodist Episcopal Church, who scandalized the congregation by whistling while taking up collection at the eightieth anniversary service of the church, were restored to good social standing when the pastor, the Rev. Duane E. Aldrich, explained their strange behaviour. The pastor had instructed the ushers to whistle every time a dollar bill was dropped into the plates.—The Sun.

"It's more fun to boo the nickels," comments The New Yorker.

—BR—

First girl—How do they ever get the boys clean after a football game?

Second girl—Didn't you know they had a scrub team?—Marilyn Newsome, North Carolina, in Progressive Farmer.

"FIRST IN JERUSALEM"

Wake up, you blind Baptist leaders. Quit wasting space in our state paper for arguments about Woman's College (a dead issue). Fill our paper with records of shocking conditions in country churches as the inclosed instance is one of eighty or more counties.

We weep about debts and soldier camp work. We deplore small and constantly dwindling attendance at services. Yet we close our eyes to one glaring fact: "Country churches need financial help!" Out from our churches come most of our Baptist leaders! A few years hence we will get few such leaders, because country churches are surely dying.

Yalobusha is well off compared to many others. Yes, we continue to ignore the urgent need in country churches, where preachers starve, if they didn't "dare" to live and raise a family as pastor of some of these churches.

Mark it well—city churches will suffer when country churches suffer! No need of Christian Baptist Colleges, when the country people have left off attendance at country Baptist churches.

They just won't take up with Baptist institutions when once they are weaned from them!

And mark it well, they are "forsaking" the poor little tumble-down shacks called "Baptist churches"!!!

Even Russellites can call them together for a "peppy" meeting at some public building!!!

Fools that we are—pouring money into debts that could be paid over a longer period with no harm done. While country churches close up and die for lack of help we should give.

Ed. Note—We printed the above article from a Yalobusha County Baptist because it has some truth in it. It also has some false conclusions. He seems to be sincere in his statements.

—BR—

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE ALUMNI BANQUET

The Alumni, former students, and friends, of the Baptist Bible Institute gathered in the lunch room of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, on Wednesday evening during the convention, for a banquet and fellowship. There were forty-six present for the merry occasion. Representatives were present from all over Mississippi.

Dr. J. Wash Watts brought greetings from the Institute and told of the progress being made this session. Dr. S. H. Jones, Brookhaven, paid fitting tribute to Dr. P. I. Lipsey, who was present for the occasion and is retiring as Editor of the Baptist Record.

Two resolutions were adopted by the meeting. One was to express the sympathy of the Alumni by telegram to Mrs. J. E. Gwatkin over the loss of Dr. Gwatkin. The other was to request Dr. Lipsey to write for publication his experiences during a long term of useful service.

The appetizing menu was prepared under the direction of Miss Parks, Secretary, First Baptist Church. The fellowship was good and a happy hour was spent.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President—Charles McKay, Jackson. Vice-Pres.—John I. Hill, State Line. Secretary—J. D. Griffin, Picayune.

GEORGE MOSELEY ORDAINED

At the request of the Providence Baptist Church, Carrollton, Miss., the Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, Mississippi, ordained Brother George Moseley, setting him apart, to the full work of the Gospel ministry. He has been a member of the Galilee Church since his conversion as a child. He has held membership in the First Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi, where he is a student in Mississippi College. Desiring to be ordained from his home Church, necessary arrangements were made for this service.

The examining council met Friday evening, October 31, consisting of Brethren C. Lee Bullard, pastor, and Chairman of the Council; J. Price, Secretary; C. M. Day, Fred Moseley and H. J. McCool. Deacons E. V. Lea, Mr. T. J. Seale, Mrs. E. V. Moseley and Mrs. Fred Moseley were present.

Sunday morning, November 2, the Church requested the ordination. Dr. C. Lee Bullard preached the sermon using as his subject: "Preach the Word," 2 Tim. 4:2. Rev. J. H. McCool gave the charge and Rev. Tom Douglas, Mississippi College student, led the ordination prayer. Rev. Fred Moseley, student in Baptist Bible Institute presented the Bible.

Brother George Moseley has accepted the call to become pastor of the Providence Baptist Church. George is a young man of sterling character and great zeal. The Galilee Baptist Church heartily commends him to the preaching of the Gospel and pray's God's richest blessings upon his Ministry.

J. PRICE BROCK,
Sec. of the Council,
Pastor, Eastfork Baptist Church.

—BR—

COOPERATION

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Miss Fannie Traylor, Jackson, (center) W. M. U. secretary from Mississippi, who conducted the Y. W. A. study course at Blue Mountain College; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Oxford, (left), student secretary of the college, and Miss Grace Bishop, Vernon, Ala., president of the college Y. W. A., caught in front of Broach Hall, student activities building on the campus.

—BR—
WOOD LEAVES CHURCH
Pastor to Assume New Duties at
Charlotte, N. C.

Last Sunday, December 7, Dr. A. B. Wood tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church here to accept the unanimous call of Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Under the leadership of Dr. Wood, the local church has made splendid progress. A Sunday school annex has been constructed and splendidly equipped at a total cost of approximately \$15,000.00. Repairs on the church building proper have been made and paid for; and the financial structure of the church is stronger and more secure than ever before in its history.

During this five year period, total gifts to the church amount to \$36,536.12; to missions and benevolences \$8,677.21. The Sunday school enrollment has grown from 214 to 470—the Young Men's Bible class, the pride and joy of the pastor, its teacher, registering the most phenomenal growth from 4 to 80.

B. T. U. enrollment has grown from 65 to 104. Total additions to the church number 279 which includes a number of adults upon profession of faith. There has been a net increase in membership of 158 with a present membership of 532.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Wood, the women's and young people's work has become stronger than ever before. Through her untiring efforts, the Forest W. M. U. has reached the full graded A-1 standard for the past two years.

Mrs. Wood has been active in every phase of the work serving as young people's leader, mission study teacher, program chairman, Y. W. A. and R. A. counselor in the W. M. U.; teacher of the young ladies' Sunday school class and Intermediate B. T. U. director. She is also district young people's leader.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, our all-wise Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from our midst our dearly beloved friend and pastor emeritus, Dr. H. M. King.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Deacons of Calvary Church that we have thereby sustained the loss, not only of a great and good man, but a kind and loving friend who was always ready to sympathize with those in trouble or distress and his sympathy went further than kind and sympathetic words, where needed he did not fail to extend material aid.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may comfort and sustain his family and loved ones in this hour of their bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, a copy sent to The Baptist Record and a copy spread upon the minutes of this Board.

S. M. THOMAS,
Chairman.

W. R. BUTLER,
E. W. TIPTON.

—BR—
Fifth Engineers,
A.P. No. 810, c/o Postmaster
New York City, N. Y.
November 4, 1941.

Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett,
Chairman of the Editorial Committee,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chaplain Bennett:

Today for the first time I have had an opportunity of glancing through the new Song and Service Book for Ship and Field.

As an individual Protestant chaplain I wish to make a complaint that I am sure many Protestant people will agree with me on. The fact that the most prominent thing in the book, placed in the front and illustrated with pictures are what our Catholic friends call the Stations of the Cross. No Protestant church that I have any knowledge of accepts some of them as being scriptural. They are recognized as distinctly Catholic and as such should not be given the place in this book nor should they be illustrated with pictures. It was not intended as such but will be a distinctive instrument to influence Protestant men in the services to accept these Catholic teachings.

There are many attractive features but because of the above mentioned objection, this chaplain will never use these books in any of his services.

With kindest regards to yourself and other members of the committee and with hopes that something can be done about this matter.

—BR—
TRAVELER

Little Margaret was watching the elephant at the zoo. "What's the long, shaky thing he swings around in front of him?" she wanted to know.

"That's the trunk," explained her father.

"Then I suppose that little one behind him is his suitcase."

—BR—

Boss Jones was asking old Uncle Joe how were the boll weels in his cotton. "Lor', Boss, dey's et all dat cotton up."

"Well, that's too bad, Joe, but you will get your parity check."

"Nawsuh, Boss, when I went to de mail box dis mawnin' dey was a boll weevil sittin' in dare. I ask him whut wuz he doin'? He say, 'I'm waitin' fer de parity check, sah!'"—Mrs. V. V. Jenkins, Pleasant Grove, Miss., in Progressive Farmer.

HOW ONE FEELS AT EIGHTY-EIGHT
(Dec. 18, 1853—Dec. 18, 1941)

By J. G. Chastain, D. D.,
Associate Pastor, Lev. Bapt. Church,
Lexington, Mississippi



The great Creator started us in life with healthy bodies. He designed that we, by obeying the laws of hygiene, should keep them healthy. Jesus evidently did that, since there is no record of His ever having been sick.

How To Reach Old Age

God has bountifully supplied His creatures with three health-giving elements: pure air, pure water, and life-giving sunshine. Many people become anaemic because they fail to appropriate these elements in sufficient measure. But even greater mortality results from the neglect of diet, daily exercise, and the regular elimination of body wastes.

Statistics show that, within the past ten years, angina has increased 144 per cent, due mainly to worry, excess of flesh, and the use of tobacco. The world has gone mad on the use of whiskey and tobacco. These two vices are collecting from the people a fabulous toll, in the form of money and morals, health, happiness, and human life. The only safeguard against these mortal enemies to health and life is total abstinence from their use.

Why Desire Longevity?

The Book says, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten." (Psalm 90:10). Charles Wesley Emerson is said to have declared, "I would be ashamed to show my face in Heaven before I am seventy years of age."

Man has a mission in this world. That mission is to WORK, to love and serve His Maker and needy people. After long years of study and experience, advanced age should be the most useful part of life. A long life will give the individual more time to do good, and to complete his mission in the world.

This octogenarian has not retired, but is on active duty as Associate Pastor of the Lexington Baptist Church, (Lexington, Mississippi). He feels young and spry, and keeps busy, healthy and happy. With modesty he allows himself to say that he enjoys preaching regularly to three distinct races of people, white, negroes, and Mexicans. In doing this he makes use of two languages, English and Spanish. He hopes that the Master will grant to each one of us just as many years here below as we can spend in the active and useful service of our God.

26th Bombardment Squadron
Hickam Field, Hawaii

Greetings!

Because of the warm memories that this season of the year always brings, and the great desire on my part to write to you, I could not resist sending this—a long delayed message of friendly greeting.

Uncle Sam has succeeded in keeping me very busy these past months. After my pilot training in Oklahoma and Texas I arrived in the Hawaiian Islands the last day of June. The Hawaiian Air Force has an enviable record already, and we are preparing ourselves for whatever demands the immediate future might require of us. My part here is that of a pilot-officer on the bombers.

When I joined the Air Corps my deep and sincere desire was to be of use, not only to my country but also to those with whom I would rub shoulders day by day. In a very humble way I have been able, I believe, to do just this. Here in Honolulu I have a good-sized Men's Bible Class, composed of service men, a few Hawaiians, Japanese and defense workers. I also find time to preach at various churches and to sing both at these places and from time to time over the radio here. Also, through the kindness of a Memphis friend, I have been able to distribute several thousand printed "Open Letters," a brief personal testimony, to the army and navy men of Hawaii.

Now, about you. How are you these closing days of the rather hectic year of 1941? I am frequently thinking of you, desiring to hear some news of you. My prayers are often for you. Drop me a note when you get settled in the new year, won't you?

In closing I want to wish you the very happiest Molo Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas) and the best Hauoli Makahili Hou (New Year) ever. May God visit you and yours with rich blessings.

Most sincerely yours,
RUSH McDONALD.

Ed. Note—This letter came to the office three days after Hawaii was attacked. Many Mississippi friends remember the writer and hope for his safety.

—BR—
PENN'S CONSCIENCE

William Penn, the Quaker, was born the son of an admiral. He was quite strict in his new faith. On his first visit to the Court after his conversion to Quakerism, he is said to have advanced to meet the King, as conscience dictated, with his hat upon his head. Charles, with a smile, removed his own, and upon Penn's surprised question:

"Friend Charles, wherefore dost thou uncover thyself?"

"Friend Penn," he replied, "it is the custom of this place for only one man to wear his hat at a time."—Christian Register.

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RE-THINKING THE CONVENTION

J. W. Lee

A few years ago the Editor of the Western Recorder published a book—"Re-Thinking Baptist Doctrines."

Its reading did not make me a Baptist. I was already one. But after reading it I felt that the anchor of my doctrines to the Holy Scriptures had been strengthened.

Recently I have read a little book, "Re-Thinking the Church," written and sent forth by Dr. W. B. Riley of Minneapolis. It was so interesting, helpful and informing that I re-read several chapters.

Re-thinking is scriptural. The Greek word translated repentance, means literally to re-think. In view of so much having been written in The Baptist Record lately about the Mississippi Baptist Convention having violated its pledge or failure to fulfill its promises, I thought it wise to re-think the Convention. I have done so and am giving the results or findings of my re-thinking.

First:

WHAT IS A BAPTIST CONVENTION?

The answer to this question has to do primarily with the Mississippi Baptist Convention but in a general way will apply to all Baptist conventions.

It is a group or body of messengers from Baptist churches and associations voluntarily associated together "to digest and organize an operative system or measure to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom peculiarly in Mississippi." See the Constitution of the Convention. Arts. 2 and 3.

Second:

WHAT ARE THE LIMITATIONS OF THE CONVENTION?

"The Convention shall never possess a single attribute of power or authority over any church or association. It absolutely and forever disclaims any right of this kind, thereby avowing the cardinal principles that every church is sovereign and independent." Art. 4 of the Constitution.

In 1928 the Southern Baptist Convention made the following pronouncement:

"All Baptist general bodies are voluntary organization, established by individuals who wish to cooperate for some common end or ends in the Kingdom of God. This Convention is not an ecclesiastical body composed of churches, nor a federal body composed of State Conventions. Churches may seek to fulfill their obligation to extend Christ's kingdom by cooperating with these general organizations but always on a purely cooperative basis and without surrendering in any way or degree their right of self-determination. These associations, unions or conventions vary greatly in form, in size, in purpose, in territorial extent and in condition of membership. But they are all similar to churches in the fundamental principle of their organization and life in that each is independent of all others in its own work, free, fraternal and autonomous, or self-determining, in its own sphere and activities. The principle of cooperation between individuals and churches and general bodies in pursuit of great common ends is also a basic teaching of the gospel. In all cooperative endeavor the principle of autonomy, or self-determination, should be carefully conserved.

In January 1924 the Executive Com-

mittee of the Southern Baptist Convention made the following declaration:

"The Southern Baptist Convention in the prosecution of its work recognized as axiomatic that in relation to individuals and churches that it has only the right of appeal; in relation to other cooperative bodies that of county and cooperation and in relation to its own agencies and resources the right of direction and control."

From the above it is easy to see that a Baptist Convention is a voluntary organization, with no authority over any man or set of men; dependent entirely on friendly organization and individuals for voluntary contributions to accomplish the purpose for which it exists. The Convention has the inherent right to appeal for voluntary contributions, but that is the end of its power to collect money, even though the cause for which the money is needed is most worthy and eminently scriptural. In spite of these limitations most Baptist Conventions assume large financial obligations and have great difficulty in securing contributions to meet them. "The Hundred Thousand Club" exists today because the Southern Baptist Convention directly or indirectly assumed large financial obligations with no source of income except voluntary offerings. Our own State Convention has an expensive organization in the field trying to get money through the "Now Club" to meet large Convention obligations. This was all made necessary because the Convention made large debts depending solely on voluntary offerings from organizations and individuals over whom the Convention has no authority or control whatever.

Third:

DOES A BAPTIST CONVENTION HAVE CONTINUITY OF EXISTENCE?

When a Convention adjourns, it adjourns sine die. In other words, it goes out of existence. Should a "Special Session" convene, the same messengers do not return by virtue of their having been members of the previous regular session.

The churches elect new messengers but not necessarily different ones. It follows therefore, that the personnel of each Convention might have different views as to the best and wisest methods of accomplishing the purpose for which the Convention exists.

Unforeseen circumstances and conditions might arise between sessions of the Conventions as to make it impossible for the Convention to accomplish what the preceding Convention purposed and planned to do. Since this is true each session of any Convention should be very careful in making promises the keeping of which requires the outlay of money. Serious embarrassment has come to both the Convention and the beneficiaries of the promises because, at the time the promises were made the fulfillment seemed easy, but circumstances arose that made their fulfillment practically impossible.

IF IT TAKES MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH ANY OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CONVENTION HOW DOES THE CONVENTION OBTAIN THE MONEY?

The Convention and its agencies have only the right and privilege of appeal to churches, associations, societies, unions and individuals for voluntary contributions. When a Convention seeks contribution it is only an appeal for help and not in any sense a tax levy, even though in the appeal the Convention stipulates the

amount asked for. When the appeal is made and voluntary offerings are not forthcoming the Convention is powerless to do more. It happens over and over again that Conventions borrow the money to meet their obligations when appeals are ineffective, but that only necessitates another appeal for offerings to return the borrowed money.

IF A BAPTIST CONVENTION AUTHORIZES ONE OF ITS AGENCIES TO MAKE A DEBT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ONE OR MORE OF ITS INSTITUTIONS AND ADJOURNS SINE DIE WHOSE DEBT IS IT?

It will take a Philadelphia lawyer to answer the above question. We all know that the Baptist churches are expected to pay it. But what right has the Convention to expect the churches to pay it? The Convention declares in its Constitution "That it shall never possess an attribute of power over the churches and associations."

For a long time the Mississippi Baptist Convention made such debts and appealed to the churches for contributions with which to pay the debts. The churches responded so meagerly that it amounted to almost no response at all. The amount received in most instances was not much more than enough to bear the expenses of the soliciting campaign. The Convention continued to make debts and continued soliciting campaigns.

Each campaign was a worse failure than the preceding one. The deaf ear the churches gave to the appeals was their way of protesting the acts of the Convention in borrowing money.

The Convention found itself in an exceedingly embarrassing situation. Large money obligations mature and no money in the treasury to meet them. The course of the money supply (the churches) seemed to have dried up.

THE SITUATION SEEMS DIFFERENT NOW.

Our leaders seem to have heard the protest of the churches and are heeding it. They have quit leading the Convention into making debts.

The churches and liberal individuals seem to have come to the conclusion that the Convention has permanently ceased to make debts. The churches are now responding sacrificially to the appeals of the Now Club. There is every reason now to believe that the Mississippi Baptist churches will ultimately free the Convention of the large burdensome debt that is hindering every worthy cause dear to us all.

May we not hope that the Convention has learned by sad experience that it is very unwise to make a debt, depending on the churches over which it has no control to pay it? If we knew the amount of interest paid, and yet to be paid, on borrowed money plus the cost of soliciting campaigns for contributions to return borrowed money the sum would be so staggering that we members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention would never again even think of voting to borrow another penny.

I do not believe there is a group of business men in the world who would project their business on as poor a business basis as most Baptist Conventions project theirs.

"The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Luke 18:8.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Kemper County fifth Sunday meeting was held at Bluff Springs Church, Dr. Cook from Scooba acting as moderator. Services began at 10 o'clock with songs, Scripture and prayer.

The program was:

1. Current Sunday School Lesson—Lawyer Brown.
2. Influence of Bible Study on the Individual—Mrs. Cora Byrd.
3. Stewardship of Time—Mrs. Annie Mae Kavanaugh.
4. Rev. Edd Grayson, our beloved pastor, brought an inspiring sermon on "Stewardship of Influence," after which dinner was served.

The afternoon service was opened with songs and devotional by Mr. Golden. Dr. Cook demonstrated how a Baptist Training Union was graded.

The local B. A. U. gave a program, Battle for Righteousness in Africa. At the close of this program, our president, Mrs. Pettus Land, asked Rev. Grayson to pray, remembering the foreign missionaries.

In the absence of the county W. M. U. president, Dr. Cook gave a talk on W. M. U. work.

"Value of Mission Study"—Miss Mary Leslie Pool.

Rev. Grayson dismissed us with prayer.—Reporter.

—BR—

The annual Christmas musical program of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church will be presented Sunday evening, December 14, in the auditorium of Blue Mountain College under the direction of Miss Linda Berry, head of the voice department of the college. Selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered by the Blue Mountain College chorus and soloists, Mrs. Frank E. Skilton, Mrs. Richard Trött, and Miss Mary Frances Skilton of Blue Mountain. Mrs. J. E. Buchanan and Mrs. J. S. Riser, Jr., will be the accompanists.

Others appearing on the program will include:

Dr. J. S. Riser, pastor of the church; Miss Franziska Heinrich, head of the department of music of the college; Jane Bond, Dyersburg, Tenn.; Charlotte Dunagin, Decatur; Evelyn Thomas, Duck Hill; Rebecca Reid, Greenville, S. C.; Rebecca Boykin, Neshoba; Martha Bryant, Booneville; Virginia Jenkins, Lucedale; Jennie Hill, Sumter, S. C.; Virginia Frances Lady, Trumann, Ark.; Joyce Spell, Georgetown.

—BR—

JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR WORK

I have held six weeks meetings in Kentucky this fall, two weeks at Middleburg with Brother Suttles; two weeks at Palestine with Brother Calico; two weeks at First Church of Columbia, Kentucky with Brother O. B. Mylum.

Had over 120 additions in the three meetings.

I also had six weeks meetings here in Mississippi. We had Dr. J. Norris Palmer in meeting here. He is a great Gospel preacher.

Our men voted unanimously to enter the Ministers Retirement Plan.

We went over the top in our notes on our new church.

Our budget for next year calls for increase to Missions and Cooperative Program.

The Lord has led, and we give Him the praise.

MILTON WHITTEN.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Student Body Organization

The student body organization is composed of all students of the institution, who elect each year a president and other officers who compose the executive council. These promote the various activities of the campus for the student body as a whole. The student honor council, composed of the president of the student body and presidents of the various classes, with other representative members from each class, cooperates with the faculty in promoting well-ordered conduct among the students and in enforcing the regulations of the college.

In order to represent the college or student body in any of its organized activities, such as musical organizations, athletics, et cetera, a student must have satisfactorily passed twelve semester hours of academic work during the previous semester and be doing creditable work at the time of such representation.

Literary Activities

LITERARY SOCIETIES. The Philomathean literary society and the Hermeanian, are the two principal literary societies among the students. These societies have spacious halls on the third floor of the library building. They meet each week for program of formal debating, oratory, "legislative" sessions, and other types of public discussion.

The two literary societies are under the supervision of the college Department of English. Membership in a society entitles a student to one-half semester hour of extra-curricular credit each semester.

INTERCOLLEGIATE Debating. The Varsity debating team is selected each year in competitive tryouts among members of the two literary societies. Varsity debaters meet teams from other colleges in the Mississippi debating Tournament, in the tournament of the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech, and in other engagements. The Varsity M is awarded to varsity debates as well as to members of the Band, Glee Club, etc.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB. This club under the leadership of a competent director and adviser seeks to develop the talents of students interested in the drama. Several plays are studied and given before the public.

OTHER ACTIVITIES include the Bar Association, Pre-Med Club, and International Relations Club.

Musical Organizations

THE BAND AND ORCHESTRAS are among the most popular organizations on the campus. The Band, composed of some forty-eight pieces, holds the distinction of being the official band of the 155th Infantry, Mississippi National Guard. Any student who shows a talent for music is eligible for training in this organization. Substantial remuneration is allowed by the government, and one semester hour of college credit is allowed each year to those who successfully engage in this training.

Religious Activities

CHAPEL. It is our desire that religion, the basis of taste for intellectual pursuit and all virtuous habits, throw her healthful restraint and influence about the student. With this in view, four days each week all students are required to attend a short period of worship and praise in Chapel. All other religious exercises

are optional, but the students are encouraged to attend the various religious services. Satisfactory chapel attendance will entitle the student to two quality points each session.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION. This organization is composed of representative members from all of the various campus religious units, cooperating together for the best interests of all, preventing overlapping and friction, and seeking to bring about a stronger Christian influence and atmosphere among the students on the campus.

NOON-DAY PRAYER MEETING. This exercise is fostered by the Baptist Student Union and daily meetings are held at the noon hour, the meeting being open to all students who wish to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL activities are in conjunction with the local churches, where special classes are held for college students and competent teachers provided.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION. This organization is likewise in co-operation with the young people of the local Baptist church, and furnishes an excellent training school for Christian leadership.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. A commendable group of young men entering each year have felt a definite call to active Christian service. These form the ministerial association and meet each week for fellowship in prayer and praise. They also foster certain missionary activities in neighboring institutions and communities.

Athletic Organizations

THE "M" CLUB. Those who have won the coveted varsity "M" in recognition of their prowess and skill on the various athletic teams are eligible to membership in this club.

ALL OF THE VARIOUS SPORTS, both major and minor, have their unit organizations, such as football, basketball, baseball, track, cross-country, volley ball, tennis, etc.

Publications

BULLETIN OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE. Four regular bulletins are issued each year. The Summer Bulletin is issued in March, the regular Catalog number in May, a Picture Bulletin in July, and another bulletin in November.

THE TRIBESMAN is the College Yearbook published annually by the students, the staff being elected from the student body. It is an interesting volume, reflecting the life of the institution in pictures and other features.

THE MISSISSIPPI COLLEGIAN is a weekly paper published by the students, giving the students an opportunity to develop their journalistic talents, while giving the campus news and discussing matters of interest to the students and alumni.

THE TOMAHAWK is a neat little book published annually by the student body organization to be distributed at the beginning of each session. It contains much useful information about college life and is of invaluable aid to new students in helping to get adjusted.

THE ARROWHEAD is a magazine published monthly by the students. It carries a number of stories and feature articles written by students, faculty members, and alumni.

—BR—

"Why were you kept in school this morning, Tommy?"

"Because I laughed when the teacher said: 'Never use a preposition to end a sentence with!'"

IN MEMORIAM OF BRO. T. A. BROCK

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite Love and Wisdom has seen fit to call home our Beloved Bro. T. A. Brock, the Vaiden Baptist Sunday School and church wishes to pay a tender tribute to his memory.

While we bow in humble submission to His Will, we recognize the fact that one of our most faithful members has been taken;

Bro. Brock was earnest, consistent, and deeply devoted to the Master's cause.

To his family, our heartfelt sympathy is extended.

Resolved, that a copy of this tribute be recorded, one copy sent to the family, and one sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
HESTER COLLIER, S. S. Supt.
J. G. FULLILOVE, Clerk,
S. R. WRIGHT, and others.

—BR—

I WOULD LIKE TO RUN AWAY!

Robert E. Beddoe, M. D.
Wuchow, Kwongsi, China

But I can't. I am a prisoner of Jesus Christ; held by His sacrifice, by His love, by His grace, by His tender compassion and by His immutable call to service. I would like to find a safe place way back in the Ozark hills, build a house of great slabs of stone, gather my loved ones about me and enjoy the beauties of nature, music, art and literature. Away from automobile accidents, from the danger of the imps of hell flying on the wings of man-made machines to rain fire and destruction upon the just and unjust below. Away from the prurient sins of debased humanity to walk and commune with God.

To walk with Christ? Ah, but He walked through the garden!

Yes, I would like to get away from where I have seen so many human bodies torn asunder, so many families scattered, so many left homeless and starving. I would like to run away from the responsibility and worry—the ever-present dread of greater calamities yet to come, I do not want again to be forced to walk in human blood as we of this hospital were forced to do when the floors of the corridors and verandas were lined with wounded and dying following the recent bombing.

To walk with Christ! Ah, but He walked all the way to Calvary!

Yes, I would like to get away from it all and shift the burden to younger, more capable and more consecrated shoulders. I would like to get out of the garden and climb to the mountain top. But if I would follow my Lord I must walk in the path as He directs even though it be hard and dangerous; yes, even though it leads to Calvary itself. Only He can give the necessary courage, for I suppose I am a coward.

These are terrible times everywhere. Satan has unleashed his fury to destroy the faith and the faithful. We feel the overpowering force of the impact. As never before it is a time for prayer. And as never before every missionary who is trying—sometimes feebly—to follow the gleam of His leadership needs the sustaining prayers of you at home who so nobly support us. So we call you to prayer. Pray for us.

November 20, 1941.

MRS. W. A. ROPER

Whereas, on the 24th day of September, 1941, Mrs. W. A. Roper, a faithful member of the Woman's Missionary Society of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., was called home to hear her Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Whereas, in the going of Mrs. Roper we, the members of the W. M. S., have lost a wise counselor and loyal member. She gave herself in the fullest sense to the work of her Master. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and none knew her but to love her.

And whereas, the Roper Circle, having been named in her honor, is proud to bear the name of such a noble character.

Therefore, be it resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the beloved husband of the deceased, Dr. W. A. Roper, one to The Baptist Record, and one to our Secretary to be written in the minutes of the W. M. S.

"She was a friend whose heart was good,
Who walked with folks and understood.

Hers was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done,
And now that she has journeyed on,
Hers is a fame that never ends;
She leaves behind uncounted friends."

Respectfully,

MRS. I. R. GRIFFIN,
MRS. W. F. McDONALD,
MRS. C. A. PAGE.

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for girls who hasten healing
of externally caused pimples
by relieving irritation with
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When your head aches and nerves
are jittery, get relief quickly, pleasantly,
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Good For Over 100 Years

—And even better now. Recently improved; more antiseptic, more active, finer quality ingredients. Spreads easier. Widely used for minor external causes skin itching: oozes, rash, netter, pimples, cuts, bruises, etc. 15c.

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IN HIS STEPS IN INDIA

India is a land of charm. A land of music. A land of 360 million and more people. A land of snakes. A land of poverty. A land of filth. A land of gods—some say 2 million. Others say 220 million.

God is coming to India. Doxology. There are over 8 million Christians there now.

India is a land of languages—150 languages and 550 dialects.

The more than 260 million Hindus of India worship stones, rivers, trees, mountains and nearly everything under the sun. They have family gods, provincial gods, city gods—gods and gods, who are not God at all.

We saw the Sacred Cow of India—many of them. They speak of the cow as "the mother of us all". They will not kill a cow, nor eat beef. They worship the cow.

They worship the elephant. We saw elephant gods.

They worship turtles. At Singapore, 60 miles from the equator, we saw "holy" (?) turtles, known to be 275 years of age—objects of worship.

They worship the monkey. In Bombay we stepped across the threshold of a monkey temple and saw the bust of a monkey. His face was painted a hideous red. A garland of flowers was about his neck—placed there by some worshipper that morning.

They worship the snake. At Penang on the Malay Peninsula we went into a snake temple, where over 100 live snakes are kept in cages and lying about on improvised perches. We might have reached out and touched a half dozen at any time had we so desired—we didn't care to, but we might have.

Read Romans, chapter one, noting in particular verse 23.

The Hindus burn their dead. We visited 3 Burning Ghats in Bombay. Each was a pile of cord wood, the body atop, another layer of wood and saturated with kerosene, if the family could afford it. It is the duty of the eldest son to apply the fire.

The Church of Christ has had the Great Commission from the lips of our Lord nearly 2,000 years. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Yet, there are millions of people, who have never seen a copy of the Word of God! Who have never heard a Christian hymn! Who have never even heard the name of Jesus pronounced!

Of the 2700 languages and dialects spoken by the peoples of the world, the Bible has only been translated in whole, or in part, into 1,000, leaving 1,700 languages and dialects into which not one syllable of the Word of God has been translated.

Mohammedans constitute the next largest group in India—80 million and more. They major on fasting, prayer, almsgiving, mosque worship and visiting Mecca. The last named being the greatest honor one may achieve.

Next come eleven million Buddhists. Then come Christians—8 million strong. The outstanding new acquaintance in foreign lands was a dark skinned Indian.

A peculiar group are the Jains. They will not take life at all. They strain the water they drink, putting the straining material back into the original source so any living organism therein may go swimming and singing merrily along his way. With broom in hand, they sweep before themselves as they walk lest a lowly

ant in their pathway be stepped upon and crushed to death.

The Parsees, only 100,000 in number, yet rich, educated, and influential are followers of the Persian prophet Zoroaster. Their philosophy of life is summed up in six words: Good words, Good deeds, Good thoughts.

As good as some Americans subscribe to. Nothing about sin. Nothing about forgiveness. Nothing about Salvation.

They worship the elements—earth, air, water, and fire—the last named being the most sacred. Therefore, they will not bury their dead as we do, that would defile the earth. They will not burn the dead like unto the Hindus, that would defile the fire. So they give their dead to the vultures of the air—buzzards.

We went out to the Towers of Silence and saw the buzzards circling in the air, roosting in trees or atop the walls of the towers waiting for their next meal.

Do they need the gospel of our Saviour? Do millions of others in various lands need Him?

What are you doing that they may hear of Him?

What are you willing to do to that end?

The Gospel of God's Son is adequate to meet their needs!

"Our God is great", II Chron. 2:5.

Oh, that a sense of the utter greatness of God would come over us. Men have trimmed the conception of God, they try to make our Great God as an old man on crutches, unable to do much about things. Some men would deny that, but it is true! Some church members conceive of a God who can't save folks in the winter time! Who can't give the people a revival save the 2nd week in August! But He is a Great God! Mighty to redeem!

Read Ezekiel. Note the constant refrain from God to His people whom He had led for decades, and whose forefathers He had led for centuries and millenniums, "that ye may know I am the Lord your God." That consciousness would renew our ministries!

The name of God occurs 14 times in the first 13 verses of Genesis; 31 times in the first 31 verses of Genesis, and 45 times in the first 2 chapters. God most assuredly meant any person crossing the threshold of His revealed truth should meet G-O-D! Have you met the Great God of Abram and Elijah?

Do you believe He is great enough to save the vilest man in your community?

Do you believe Him great enough to weld Mississippi Baptists together in indissoluble love?

Do you believe He is great enough to cause church problems to vanish? Do you believe Him great enough to keep your boy from going to the devil, or, your girl from going astray?

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In Bombay, India, in one of our pulpits Sunday morning we heard a dark skinned Indian speak on "The Seven Sayings of Jesus" from the cross, a favorite theme of our own. We found him to be a consecrated layman, the highest paid Indian in Bombay, having spent 3 years in London, England, getting his electrical engineering education. He had been around the world, having taken pictures of our own Grand Canyon and other sights.

We spent half a night in his home. As we entered, he said, "If you were not here, I would be talking to my servants about Jesus." What a delight! He showed motion pictures of

Judson's school and church. At midnight we took our Indian sunhat to leave. Said he, "Brother McCall, might we not have a word of prayer?" We dropped to our knees and talked to God awhile about America and about India.

The next morning at his invitation, I was in his office about 10 o'clock. He said, "Brother McCall, we laid the foundation to this great building the month of May, the month of the monsoon, when we usually have 100 inches of rain. We didn't have a drop. I had asked my God in the midst of these millions of idolaters, worshipping over 220 million gods, to hold back the rain as a testimony for His Namesake. My superintendent told me 'You are the luckiest fellow in the world. Not a drop of rain this month.' I told him, 'It is not luck. I asked my God to withhold the rain as a testimony for His Namesake.'"

We went out on the grounds. Pointing to an artesian well, my Indian brother said "We started drilling there. They laughed at me calling me a fool, saying I would never get water there. I asked my God for water there as a testimony for His Namesake. We drilled and the drill ran onto a stratum of rock that stopped us awhile. They laughed at me, calling me a fool. I asked my God for water right there as a testimony for His Namesake. That drill broke through that rock into copious waters, now flowing 700 gallons a minute."

Right there I almost pinched myself asking, "Do you folks back home worship the same God this brother worships? Like Elijah's God of old, He hears! He answers! He does something about it!"

What kind? Whom do you worship? We ask our own heart the question.

Echo Solomon's words, "Our God is Great." II Chron. 2:5.

—M.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the pastors, Sunday school superintendents, W. M. S. presidents, B. T. U. organizations, Brotherhoods, Orphanage chairmen and every individual who so splendidly cooperated with us this Thanksgiving season. This has been a wonderful Thanksgiving for the children and faculty. Your response was generous. While we received more of some things than we could use we did not receive a sufficient amount of some commodities to run us more than just a few weeks. As usual, we received more sweet potatoes than we could use, especially since they have been handled several times before reaching us and it is almost impossible to keep from bruising them. However, we are doing our best to save all we can and those we cannot save are making good feed for our hogs. We are still receiving cash offerings that were made at Thanksgiving. If there are churches, Sunday schools, organizations or individuals who have not yet forwarded their offering it is not too late. Remember it can still be used to good advantage. Thanking you once more for your splendid cooperation, I remain

Fraternally yours,

W. G. MIZE, Supt.,
Baptist Orphanage.

—BR—

Office caller: "Where are you going in such a hurry?"

Boss: "Sh! I'm leaving. I've just discharged my secretary by the dictaphone."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Jackson Calvary	968	254
Jackson Griffith	717	384
State Line-Olive Branch	79	35
Ellisville	176	
Jackson First	1005	331
West Side-Natchez	70	
Brookhaven First	467	143
Grenada First, Dec. 7	378	125
Bucatanua	40	
Pilgrim's Rest-Batesville	63	61
Enon	57	71
Eudora	51	42
Corinth First	301	110
Crystal Springs	291	94
Bruce	137	71
Double Springs-Webster	42	
Ackerman	111	
Heusk's Retreat	80	
West Laurel	504	167
Strong River-Simpson	27	
Pinola	43	
Silver Creek (Calvary)	111	28
Coffeetown	83	
Montevista	55	30
Louisville	306	
Antioch-McCool	15	
Springfield-Morton	93	35
Newton	237	86
Bethlehem-Jones	92	65

—BR—

TO THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD AND THE STATE MISSION BOARDS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is now contemplating the extension of its social security plan to include lay workers employed by churches and other denominational agencies, and

WHEREAS, we are petitioning them not to do so, since it complicates the relationship of church and state, and

WHEREAS, to be consistent we must take care of such workers through a plan of our own,

THEREFORE, we, the Faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earnestly petition the Relief and Annuity Board and the various state mission boards to publicize through the denominational press the Board's Age Security Plan for Lay Workers, and otherwise promote it along with the Ministers' Retirement Plan, so that these workers may be enlisted.

—BR—

THE THREE GATES
"Golden Rule"

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"

Then "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,

Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of the speech may be.

A DAY IN PALESTINE

Palestine is one of the smallest of the countries of the world. Yet, it has doubtless more largely influenced the whole earth than any other country. This is because of its relationship to forces of the heavenly country.

From tallest peaks one may easily see across the breadth of this land, and indeed the length of it as well. Yet, one finds influences from it in every part of the habitable globe.

It is the desire of many nations. It is the destination of many travellers. To us it is simply the earthly home of the patriarchs and prophets; the dwelling place of our Lord and Saviour while on the earth in flesh; the field of operations of the first churches and the workshop of the early disciples.

Early Friday morning, February 26, 1937, our party of 84 took to their automobiles just inside famous Jaffa Gate. We circled the wall for a while, passing Damascus gate, the New Gate, Gordon's Calvary, Hezekiah's dungeon, Solomon's quarries, crossed the brook Kidron and stopped at Gethsemane. Matt. 26:36-46. This garden of red is made sweet by Jesus as a retreat for prayer. Here it was again proven that there is but one way of Salvation. Jesus must drink the cup!

Here disciples sleep while Jesus agonizes. Here He is betrayed! How many since have betrayed Him while professing affection?

His sweat is as drops of blood, Luke tells us. Gethsemane means "oil press". To us it means the weight of our sins pressed in upon Him!

We regretfully took to our automobiles. Skirting the Mount of Olives, we soon passed through Bethany and were descending Judean hills, rock covered.

Along the way, we repeatedly saw shepherd scenes as they must have looked 2,000 years ago. Soon we were below sea level. The Jordan valley spread before us.

As we approached the Dead Sea, we noted the soil erosion. Winter torrents had done their work. This soil is soft and pulverized in the summertime but becomes slippery and slimy in the rainy season making pedestrian travel almost impossible. Here are the slime pits of Gen. 14:1-16.

The Dead Sea is called the "Salt Sea" in Gen. 14:3, the "East" or "Former" Sea in Ezek. 47:18, Zech. 14:8; the "Sea of the Plain" in Deut. 3:17. It is 46 miles long, 6-10 miles wide, 1310 feet deep and 1296 feet below sea level. It receives 6 1-2 million tons of water daily, mostly from the River Jordan. Its water are 25 per cent mineral salts, 10 per cent common salt. The bitter taste is from chloride of magnesium, the oily feeling is from chloride of calcium. These waters are very buoyant. Only 1-3 of an egg will sink beneath the surface. This sea is in reality a "Dead Sea" as nothing lives in it. Fish cannot exist in it.

Looking across the valley Mt. Nebo was pointed out to us. "By Nebo's lonely mountain," etc.

Soon we were travelling again and shortly we found ourselves in modern Jericho. We had descended 3,392 feet below Jerusalem and gone 15 miles as the crow flies, or 24 miles by roadway. This village is 5 miles west of Jordan river in a fertile, flat belt. Here we secured some native sweet oranges.

Luke 19:1-10. Luke 18: 35-43.

Jericho like many another commun-

ity thought she could get along very well without Jesus. But like them she has gone down and down. Today the population consists of 400 degenerate Arabs, living 792 feet below sea level.

Leaving Jericho we shortly arrived at the River Jordan. Matt. 3:1 f. Romans 6:1 f. Near by the Israelites cross in 1450 B. C.—Joshua 3:16. Into these waters Naaman dipped, II Ki. 5:1-14. Another man who found God's way best! Into these waters plunged a loose ax head—a borrowed one—II Ki. 6:6. Here was one group concerned over a borrowed article.

This famous river is 100 miles long, averaging 100 feet in width and 10 feet in depth. The muddy water rolls rather swiftly as the fall totals 2,000 feet from source to sea.

A river important simply because God Almighty used it!

In this vicinity was Gilgal: 12 stones, Joshua 4:19, 20; reproach of Egypt rolled away, Joshua 5:9; seat of Judges, I Sam. 7:16.

Back through Jericho we went.

This time we stopped at the site of ancient Jericho. You recall the story, Joshua 6:26 (I Ki. 16:34). God Almighty with stately stepping dismantled the walls that stood in defiance to His will. Today the foundation stones are grim reminders of the Judgement of God, of the wages of sin.

Across the road was Elisha's Fountain, II Ki. 2:19-22.

Towering in front of us was the Mount of Temptation, 1130 feet high—Matt. 4:1 f.

Soon we were climbing Judean hills, retracing our route. This time we were to stop at Bethany.

Here a hospitable heart entertained Jesus—Mark 14:3.

Here lived Mary, Martha and Lazarus who truly had a home for Jesus. What rest, refreshment and love must have come to Him in this haven. They show tourists the supposed home-site. Read a beautiful story—John 11:1f. Walking down 22 steps we came to a rectangular cavity, said to be the grave of Lazarus. This we know, somewhere there is an empty tomb because Jesus stood before it and spoke words of life, "Lazarus, come forth."

In Him we have hope and assurance in a resurrection.

"The stars shine over the earth

The stars shine over the sea

The stars look up to God

The stars look down on me

The stars shall shine

A thousand years

A thousand years and a day

But God and I will live and love

When the stars have passed away."

—M.

BR
MY TASK

To earn my friends by kindly deeds
And keep my temper sweet
And never let a blossom fall
Unnoticed at my feet
To ask NO MORE OF ANYONE,
Than I'm inclined to give—
This is MY TASK, and toward it,
Lord,
I'll strive each day to live.

—BR—

"Name?" queried the immigration officer.

"Sneeze," replied the Chinese proudly.

The official looked hard at him. "Is that your Chinese name?" he asked. "No, 'Melican' name," said the oriental blandly.

"Then let's have your native name."

"Ah Choo."

BAPTIST PREACHER TELLS EXPERIENCES IN BATTLE OF LONDON

A letter telling some of the events in the life of the minister in a great city during the bombing of London reveals heroism in the face of danger. The experiences of the minister's wife and a tiny baby born during that time call all of us to prayer of thanks giving that our wives and mothers are spared such suffering; and prayer that God's will may be done through all the world. Some excerpts from the letter follow:

"Several months ago my home was bombed. It happened on a Saturday night, unfortunately, and was not very helpful preparation for a full Sunday. A landmine fell about 50 yards from the back of the house. About a dozen houses were totally destroyed and 29 people were killed and 60 injured. The blast was terrific and the window frames of four rooms were blown out, doors were blown off, all the windows were shattered. At the time of the explosion I had just risen from my chair to go upstairs to my study and I had a very speedy exit, landing in the hall. The street was soon filled with people, many of the women were crying and suffering from shock. We took them to the shelters and made them as comfortable as we could. A fierce fire was raging but was soon got under control. The anti-aircraft guns kept up a continuous fire and we could hear the Nazi bombers overhead. . . .

"The Red Cross men put up temporary black-out in my dining room and kitchen and made that their headquarters. . . .

"I had a busy day ahead of me. I tried to get some rest but it was difficult to know where to lie down, as glass, soot, plaster covered everything. . . .

"I have to take my turn at fire-watching once every six days. There are two shifts 11 p. m. to 2 a. m. and 2 a. m. to 5 a. m. When one has sermons and addresses to prepare (and I have at least four new ones every week) and correspondence to deal with and a host of other duties to attend to, one feels perpetually tied under such conditions.

"It is difficult in these days to make ends meet and we have to do without many things that we used to regard as necessities. Those of us whose incomes are still at the pre-war level are badly hit, for the cost of living has gone up. . . .

"In our churches we miss our young men and young women who have been called up but the work goes on. Most of the church organizations are functioning. At my church we have a Veterans' Club which meets twice a week. Men 55 years of age and over are eligible to join. We open with a service and then after a cup of tea and refreshments the men play games, etc. We hold a special service of intercession every Thursday morning. . . .

"At our church one of the halls is used as an emergency rest and feeding center. As minister I have to act as supervisor when the center is in use. . . .

"Our baby was born last year

during the Battle of Britain. For several months before baby came we were having raids every night and had to sleep on the floor of our dining. I had made special arrangements for an ambulance to take my wife to the Nursing Home, if that were necessary. After one very bad night I had to take her and baby was born next day. At night 12 babies and 12 mothers occupied the coal cellar of the Nursing Home which had been converted into a shelter. After eight days and nights of much strain and anxiety my wife and baby had to leave suddenly one morning at 2 o'clock as a bomb had fallen near by and had failed to go off. . . .

"The Hospital of which I am chaplain has been bombed four times. Four blocks of buildings are totally destroyed, only one person was killed and not many injured. That was wonderful.

"At the Baptist Church House, the top floor was burnt out last September by incendiary bombs, and we have since suffered from blast."

The letter ends by saying the "morale is high. And it helps to know that those across on the other side are praying for us."

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Pastor Stewart, McLaurin, writes:

Brother Estes was with us in a two-weeks meeting at McLaurin, hard by Camp Shelby. You were with us a week, and I preached in a week's series.

In addition I have visited many, conferred with other soldiers, dined with them, and encouraged the people to invite them into their homes.

We use the boys in our services. They conduct prayer meeting, help with the choir and teach Sunday School classes. We have entertainments for them also.

Testimonials

"Religious services in Camp are a distinct help to us boys. More discussions are held over religious matters than the average person realizes."—Private, 1st Class, 151 Infantry.

"One of the best programs we have had was conducted by a group of singers from the Main Street Baptist Church. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. Let us have more of this type of religious program."—Corporal, 151 Infantry.

"Come back every time you have an opportunity," said one soldier of the 133 Med. Detachment to Bro. M. E. Perry, evangelist, at the close of a service conducted in one of the recreational buildings. "I'll write home and tell Mother the efforts put forth for our religious life while in camp."

Work among the soldiers at Camp Shelby is proving entirely successful, as far as we have gone. The only barriers we have met are financial ones. Much freedom is accorded your Evangelist within Camp boundaries, but we have to be very careful and not overstep Military laws and regulations.

We believe that in the near future we will have some very fine rooms for a recreational and reading facility, but we are faced with a definite need of a secretary to look after the place and assist with the work in general. Your worker at Shelby will either have to devote his time to supervising the work in the Recreational Center or neglect it to a large extent and devote his time to the Camp work in general.

In these two months, I have distributed 7,800 tracts, 850 Gospels of John; assisted in Homecoming Program at which time we had about 3,500 in church, and 2,500 in homes for dinner; conducted four services in Camp to approximately 1,200 boys; 77 hands raised for prayer; won 68 to Christ; held 156 private con-

ferences; provided transportation for four Baptist chaplains to attend State Convention and many small details looked after. No end to the work or opportunity.

A Report

1—Attended State Convention and provided for four of the eight Baptist chaplains to the Convention

from Shelby.

2—Distributed about 1,800 tracts and 250 Gospels of John.

3—Personal conferences with 29 soldiers, winning five to Christ.

4—Made one trip to Biloxi and Pascagoula, looking over the fields and studying programs they have on.

5—Made another trip to Biloxi. Led the singing and preached in the

evening service. Nine walked the aisle for Christ. Assisted in the afterservice for the soldier boys. Large attendance at this special service. Fully 150 soldiers in Sunday School class at the morning hour, which we attended and enjoyed very much.

6—Organized a group of young people, supervised by Mrs. Perry for a Sunday night service for the 151 Inf. group.

7—Erected tent and am preaching under it in Laurel, for the purpose of organizing a church in the new Government Housing District. Have had six indications thus far that they are willing to cast their lot in this new movement.

8—Have been working on a plan whereby we can equip a Soldier's Recreational and Reading Center in rooms at the First Baptist Church.

9—Have numerous conferences with officers of the Camp, with reference to the program in general for the spiritual life of the soldier boys. One chapel has been dedicated and others will be as soon as they are finished.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. PERRY,
Evangelist.

An Appeal

More than fourteen thousand young men are in Keesler Field now and others are coming in daily. Within a short time the school will have twenty-eight thousand trainees to say nothing of the thousands of employees.

There are seventy-seven buildings in the hospital unit. Several hundred doctors, nurses and others will be employed in these.

The laundry will require fourteen hundred employees. The bakery and other units will require other hundreds.

Hundreds of these employees will have families here and will live in town. These together with our local members and other prospective members in town will more than occupy our time and attention.

If the young men of Keesler Field are reached it will be necessary for us to have help from the Baptists over the State.

We are happily situated in that we are in position to reach the multitudes. We need a man who can not only hold meetings and deal with individuals personally, but who can also lead a great congregation in song, and who can plan for the social life of the multitudes.

President's War Message

The text of the President's message follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation, and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hongkong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications of the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people will in their righteous might win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The President was given tremendous ovations during his speech.

